

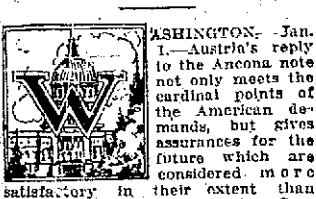
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News From Washington

MORE GIVEN BY AUSTRIA THAN KAISER

Latest Ancona Note Meets All Demands of America

View of Official Washington to Be Formulated by President



WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note not only meets the cardinal points of the American demands, but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those which were given by Germany.

The full American official view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the Austrian reply, which was received yesterday from Ambassador Benfield and was immediately dispatched to Hot Springs by a White House messenger.

It may be stated authoritatively, nevertheless, that danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has passed and the controversy now enters the same stage as the Lusitania negotiations with Germany, on even a more favorable basis.

Austria, in the Ancona case, has subscribed to the principle that no ships would be sunk until they offer resistance or flee without the persons aboard being brought to safety. This is considered an assurance that is far-reaching and satisfactory.

MAKES PROMISES.

Germany only promised not to attack "liners" until the persons aboard had been placed in boats. This extent of the designation "liners" never has been cleared up and the American government does not concede that placing persons in boats necessarily assures their safety.

Points which Austria leaves for further diplomatic correspondence are not considered of a nature to raise any new questions. Chief among them are questions of fact which affect Austria's responsibility for what happened before the sinking of the Ancona, and their importance is minimized by the promptness in immediately acknowledging responsibility.

The mere statement that the submarine commander has been punished for not making allowance for the panic on the ship undoubtedly will be accepted without question and without further inquiry as to its nature.

CASES SIMILAR.

One of the features of the case which has attracted wide attention in official and diplomatic quarters is the apparent similarity of the proceedings in the Ancona case with those in the Lusitania controversy. In both cases observers noted that the foreign office views finally prevailed over those of the admiralty, which in each case were hostile to the contentions of the United States.

The sinking of the Japanese liner Yashima-Maru and the French liner Ville de La Océan after the second American note was received in Vienna are accounted for here on the theory that the Austria-Hungary, holding out for its submarine policy had not then issued new instructions to the submarine commanders.

The next step in the negotiations in the case will be for the American government to furnish information at its command of the Americans who were lost as one of the preliminaries to fixing responsibility. The other diplomatic questions which are raised are regarded broadly as academic.

LONDON PAPERS CONDEMN TONE

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The London papers are not in possession of the full text of the latest note from Austria-Hungary to the United States regarding the sinking of the steamer Ancona, but all publish the summary received yesterday with headlines in which the words "evasion" and "reparation" are the most prominent.

The Daily News, in an editorial, remarks on the difference in the tone of this note from the "evasion and ill-considered insistence" of the first note from Baron Hürjan, Austria-Hungarian secretary of foreign affairs, and adds:

"Stripped of superfluous verbiage, the note signifies to all intents and purposes and unconditional capitulation. The approved Austro-Hungarian procedure of evasion, followed by the reserved surrender, is thus scrupulously followed."

The News thinks it needless to comment in detail, in view of the probable acceptance by the United States of the explanation, but says it is idle to pretend that the general question at issue is now set at rest since torpedoes without notice still continue.

The other papers, in remarks attached to the note, indicate their irritation at what they characterize as the ungracious character of the Austrian surrender. The Chronicle says: "Even Austria's own version of the outrage shows the cold-bloodedness with which the wholesale murder was committed."

The Morning Post says that the despicable allegations are made in the

REPUBLICANS PLAN ATTACK ON TARIFF

Underwood Bill Has Failed as a Revenue Measure, They Say.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—When the question of revenue with which to pay for national defense comes before Congress, as it will after the holiday recess, the Republicans expect to line up their batteries for a general assault upon the Underwood tariff bill. They will charge that it has failed as a revenue producing measure, and in support of their attack they will seek to show that imports have been steadily increasing during recent months, and notwithstanding this the amount of revenue necessary for the ordinary expenses of the government has not been forthcoming.

The point upon which they lay stress is that these articles of merchandise which are coming into the country do not pay a sufficient rate of revenue, and that if the duties were increased in accordance with the Republican doctrine, with the volume of trade now approaching normal, the income would be sufficient without the imposition of new direct taxes such as the Democrats propose.

VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

Statistics compiled by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce show that the total imports for the first nine months of 1915 were \$1,302,094,135, as against \$1,410,711,374 for the first nine months of 1914, or a loss, approximately, of \$108,000,000. For the first ten months of 1915 they were \$1,461,267,000, as against \$1,518,152,395, or a loss of a little less than \$57,000,000. In other words, the importations approached about \$11,000,000 near to normal, during the tenth month of the calendar year. In this connection, however, it should be stated that for the purpose of affording a basis of comparison the year 1914 is not regarded as a normal year, for the reason that during the last five months the war was on in Europe and imports were not normal.

\$80,000,000 EXCESS.

For the entire year, however, they were \$80,000,000 in excess of the importations of 1914, which had seven months of the Payne tariff and five months of the Underwood tariff.

The statistics for the month of November of this year have not been published, but it is said that they show still greater approach toward normal, and this leads to the belief that at the present rate of increase they may be normal by the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, 1916.

French Peace Treaty Commission Named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The entire personnel of the commission to administer the so-called international peace treaty with France is as follows: "Richard Olney, former secretary of state, commissioner for the United States, and Rumulo Naon, ambassador from Argentina, non-national commissioner. Louis Brandeis, distinguished French jurist, commissioner for France, and Carton De Wiart, Belgian minister of justice, non-national commissioner. Jonker Loudon, minister of foreign affairs for The Netherlands, will be the umpire."

note that the loss of life was due to the culpability of the crew.

AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE CONSIDERED PACIFIC

THE HAGUE, Jan. 1.—The Nieuws Courant, in an editorial, characterizes the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona incident as "yielding in diplomatic retreat. The paper adds that the readiness of the Vienna government to compensate the victims even with a "gap in the American evidence," shows that Hungary is anxious to maintain good relations with America, but that this is not so important as Washington's victory over Vienna on the submarine question. The Courant says that only as a matter of form does the Austro-Hungarian government defend the rights of the submarine commander who sank the Ancona, but it confesses that the rights of humanity were infringed.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ENTENTE ALLIES

BUDAPEST, Jan. 1.—The morning papers, commenting on the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the sinking of the steamer Ancona, describe the tone of the answer as conciliatory and dignified. The Pester Lloyd says: "The manner in which the Ancona case has been settled, thanks to the 'chivalry' of Austria-Hungary, signifies a bitter disappointment for the entente. The hope that German-American relations would be broken as a necessary consequence of the incident will be disappointed by the tone of the Austro-Hungarian note."

BERLIN PAPERS MAKE NO COMMENT

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The newspapers here find the Austro-Hungarian reply to the demands of the United States concerning the sinking of the steamer Ancona too delicate a ground to permit of comment. They undoubtedly are influenced in this attitude by a certain desire of the German government to see the matter smoothed out and avoid complicating the negotiations by injudicious comment which would be apt to stir up ill-feeling.

None of the morning papers commented on the note, and the afternoon editions displayed some reticence. Only the Catholic Germania and the conservative military organ Kreuz Zeitung discuss it at all, and their observations are short and restrained.

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SINKING OF LINER TO ENTANGLE U. S.

Obsequies for Demon Rum Many Mourners at Bier

CABINET FRAMES COMPULSORY BILL

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submarine policy, has not yet been brought into line.

There is, however, the added possibility that the submarine which sank the Persia, being far from home, had not been instructed in the new policy of the Austrian government.

The destruction of the Persia, with the recent sinking of the Japanese liner Yashima Maru and the French liner Ville de la Clotat, lends strength in official quarters to both these possibilities.

All the agencies of the American government have been set in motion to gather facts on the newest disaster.

The general view in official quarters is that the position of the United States was sufficiently well known to Austria and the Austro-Hungarian government have been under a very difficult length of time to permit instructions to reach the submarine fleet. On every hand the news was received with astonishment.

Consul-General Munier at London forwarded what information was available at the British admiralty, and his dispatch, with unofficial reports of the disaster, was forwarded to President Wilson at Mount Vernon.

As in similar cases, the policy of the American government will be to await full and complete information before moving.

Severance of diplomatic relations, with all its possibilities, looms up as one of the alternatives.

Although the nationality of the submarine which sank the Persia remains undetermined, it is ascertained that the Yashima Maru and the Ville de la Clotat, the assumption generally is that it was an Austrian boat, because of the fact that the German ambassador, recently declared that no German or Turkish submarines were operating in the Mediterranean.

New Year Repairs Made at Hospital

From the time that the landlady of a rooming-house in lower Broadway objected to the intrusion of C. C. Mulligan, a San Francisco iron worker, and boosted him from the premises, with disastrous results to himself, the Oakland Emergency hospital was a busy place last night.

Mulligan appeared about 10 o'clock with a battered face and bruises and contusions upon various parts of his anatomy. After being patched up, he was able to again enter the festivities of the evening.

His injuries caused the bulk of the trouble, outside of those resulting from falls on the slippery concrete-covered sidewalks and pavement.

While half a dozen persons were struck by automobiles, none of them had more than slight but painful injuries.

Mrs. F. M. Dralls, 623 Fifteenth street, slipped and fell near the city hall, sustaining a fractured left arm. There were two cases on the hospital records the history of which was "an argument with an acquaintance" and the treatment given was "black eyes."

On the whole the night was very successful considering the thousands who were celebrating the advent of the New Year, the hospital attaches

STATISTICAL. Jan. 1.—Prohibition, adopted by the voters in November, 1914, was in force today throughout the state of Washington, and 1400 saloons that were doing business yesterday did not exist today. There were 1200 saloons in the state when the law was passed, but 200 dropped out before the last day.

The passing of the saloon was accomplished without disorder. Today the windows of yesterday's bars were being placed with signs announcing new business ventures by the former saloonkeepers or the closed empty rooms from which the patrons were removed during the night to make way for new tenants.

Heretofore residents of Washington desiring to purchase liquor must obtain a permit from the county auditor for shipment from outside the state. Today being a holiday, the first permit cannot be obtained until Monday.

A former Seattle liquor dealer, who has opened a mail order house in California, has offered \$25 to the state who obtain a permit to sell only one permit every 20 days for two quarts of spirituous or wine or spirits of malt liquor.

At midnight the saloons which remained open were filled to overflowing with non-liquor. At the stroke of 12, however, the saloons were closed and cleared the barsrooms. There was no disorder and only isolated instances of celebrators who had to be forcibly ejected were reported.

Patrons of restaurants connected with barsrooms were not compelled to leave their tables at midnight and those who had purchased supplies of liquor before the closing hours were permitted to remain in the cafes until their purchases had been consumed. No new permits were admitted, though, and the doors to the bars were locked promptly.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 1.—Two initiative petitions, calling on the city council to pass ordinances for Sunday closing and 10 o'clock week night closing of Bakersfield's saloons, were filed with City Clerk E. C. Halling yesterday.

Each petition contains more than 1200 names, and 715 names are necessary for the calling of an election. The dry forces have also circulated a third initiative petition calling for the elimination of all the saloons, which contains nearly 1200 names. It will be filed Monday, said the dry leaders last night.

The passage of all three ordinances would not make Bakersfield dry, but the sale of liquor would be restricted thereby to the wholesale houses and cafes and clubs.

On January 14 a referendum election will be held on the 5-cent automobile bus regulation ordinance. The automobile drivers invoked the referendum against the proposed law, which would bar them from the business center.

COLORADO. DENVER, Jan. 1.—Colorado having entered the dry column at midnight last night, state and municipal authorities today turned their attention to plans for enforcement of provisions of the new constitutional prohibition amendment which permits the sale of intoxicating beverages only for medicinal and sacramental purposes. District attorneys and sheriffs already have announced their intention of rigidly enforcing the law and vigorously prosecuting offenders.

The celebration here marking the departure of the old year and the end of saloons continued until midnight. At that hour police instructions directing discontinuing of street revelry became effective. Practically every saloon and amusement place reported closed at 11:30 p.m.

At midnight, and those expecting to obtain a last drink were disappointed. The crowds were orderly and apparently resigned to the mandate of the people abolishing saloons.

Seventy-two arrests for drunkenness were made in Denver yesterday, breaking the record for a single day within the last five years, the police say.

Forty-one applications for liquor licenses were placed before Governor George A. Carlson yesterday. Thirty-eight applicants were chosen as wholesale and retail druggists. The remaining three were from churches seeking permits to purchase liquor for sacramental use.

Governor Carlson said he would personally examine the applications to determine if there were any bootleggers among the applicants.

Patent medicines containing more than 5 per cent alcohol are banned by an order issued by District Attorney John A. Rush. He sent notices to druggists, giving the names of forty-three patent medicines.

OREGON. PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Oregon went dry at midnight to the blowing of whistles, the fanfare of trumpets in the city halls, and general merriment. In Portland there was much merriment and shouting as the new year came in, but there was no violent disorder. Fifteen minutes after midnight police and sheriff's deputies began the rounds of all drinking places to see that no more liquor was consumed. Their services were little needed. In nearly every saloon and grill all liquor had been sold.

Saloonmen and family liquor dealers were generally highly gratified at the immediate business done within the past two days. There had been talk of cut-rate bargains likely to be offered in liquors on the year's end and neared. Instead of falling, prices generally rose on all staple liquors, and many were sold at immense profits to persons stocking up for home consumption.

IDaho. NOISE, Jan. 1.—New Year's day in Idaho sees prohibition in full force and effect for the first time in the history of the state.

The situation was taken philosophically at all points, and while there were individual celebrations, the day was generally a quiet one. The passing of the saloon was not marked by any special features.

In Boise most of the saloons closed their doors before 12 o'clock and the hotels and cafes were not crowded with revelers, as is usual on New Year's eve.

The same conditions are reported at other points in the state which were "wet." The majority of the counties in the state have been "dry" for several years under local option, so the new statute had little effect on those sections.

IOWA. DES MOINES, Jan. 1.—An absence of disorder marked the closing of Iowa's saloons last night. The festive, despite the rush, was quite orderly and arrests in all wet cities were little above the normal. The supply of many of the saloons had run out long before the closing time.

In Sioux City there was a hush on many of the saloon doors. One door displayed the sign: "Our finish January 1, 1915. Why not out drinking now before the law makes you?"

The temperance forces in many cities over the state celebrated the passing of the dram shops with watch night meetings. More than a thousand persons attended the services held here.

TEXAS. CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Jan. 1.—In a local option prohibition election yesterday, in two precincts of San Patricio county, liquor was voted out. The entire county was dry.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The cabinet met twice yesterday, each session lasting more than two hours, and devoted itself to considering a draft of the bill providing compulsory military service for unmarried men. It was learned from an authoritative source that as a result of today's deliberations fear of any crisis involving possible resignations of members of the ministry need no longer be entertained.

Although some opposition to the bill may still be expected in parliament from extreme adherents to the voluntary service system, the bill as submitted to parliament will have behind it the unanimous support of those members of the government whose conversion on the subject hitherto has been doubtful.

The only minister whose attitude remains in doubt is Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education. His personal views are in accord with those of his colleagues, but as the official representative of the Labor party his position is dependent upon the decision of the great labor congress, which will meet next Thursday, and at which representatives of three million labor men will be present.

The attitude of this congress is a matter of keenest public interest in Great Britain today, and the press reflects the opinion that the congress will decide to support the government without sanction as the price of its support concessions which would meet the fiercest hostility in ordinary times.

According to the press association, the following is an outline of the terms of the compulsory bill:

"The bill will merely require that single men who have not enlisted under the Earl of Derby's scheme shall present themselves to the recruiting officers in their districts within a specified term of days. Heavy penalties will be laid down for failure to comply with this obligation."

"These men will, as far as possible, be dealt with in groups, precisely as though they had voluntarily answered the call, and their enlistments will be subject to all the reservations hitherto laid down. They will in no way be differentiated against or marked out as bad citizens or unwilling soldiers when they join the ranks."

Fordites Find It Rotten in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.—It is considered probable that the Ford peace expedition will charter a small vessel at a cost of \$50,000 and sail direct from Copenhagen next Wednesday for The Hague, where they will arrive three days later.

When the members of the mission, after their arrival in Copenhagen, settled down to consider their plans, they discovered that the entire program arranged by the local authorities consisted of visits to places of interest. They found that the arrangements for the next five days were devoted exclusively to touring the city, including trips to the Thorvaldsen Museum and the art galleries.

The intervening time was to be consumed in automobile trips. This was due to the prohibition by the Danish government against public meetings for the discussion of war or peace. The expedition, therefore, is unable to conduct sessions except in the nature of private meetings, many of which are being arranged.

The Swedish members of the party, as announced, included two physicians, one suffragette, one prohibitionist and two women writers who are unknown outside Sweden. Much of the time of the executive committee here is devoted to the possibility of reaching The Hague, which is enveloped in much uncertainty.

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Loans, SECURED BY FIRST MORTGAGE ON REAL ESTATE	13,723,232.22
Bonds	7,696,821.27
Warrants	5,271.75
Bank Premises and Safe Deposit Vaults	1,407,477.85
Other Real Estate	32,240.23
Employees' Pension Fund \$21,000 Carried on the Books at	1.00
Cash	3,964,932.28
Total	\$28,705,616.53

Liabilities:

Capital	\$ 1,250,000.00
Surplus	1,155,000.00
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Every bit of space in the ballroom, tapestry room, rose room, grill and dining-room was utilized for the supper parties, and serving tables were arranged in the east arcade, canvassed in for the night. The lounge was left clear for dancing, and the merry-makers left their tables for one-stop and waiters that two fireless orchestras played merrily until dawn. There was dancing also in the corridors.

The table decorations were unusually elaborate. Low baskets of poinsett blossoms, holly or marigolds, trimmed most of them, but on others were centerpieces of roses or violets centered by hostesses, and the table occupied by the Coogan party was bright with many colored balloons.

Rainfall and Crisp Air Fail to Check Revelry

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the roof of the city hall to the top of the Central Bank building, practically two blocks away.

A SLIDE FOR BUTTER. Steinbacher, to whom thrills make up the butter for his bread of existence, repeated the "slide for life" at 10 o'clock. Again the wondering thousands stood agape while he made the perilous descent, his heels tied together over the taut, slender wire, his head hanging downward.

The most spectacular performance was at midnight. Steinbacher contributed a royal welcome to Nineteen-sixteen by writing out upon the night air the words, "Welcome, 1916," in letters of fire. This was done as he made his third and last "slide for life."

At 9 o'clock the general illumination of the downtown buildings took place. Hundreds of thousands of incandescents glowed from every office building, from every store in the joy zone.

The eager merry-makers were induced to stand still long enough to permit the spectacular execution of an exhibition drill by the Oakland fire department. This was held at 10:30 o'clock, and was an unqualified success in every way, despite the fact that the work of the firemen was hampered by the density of the crowds.

THE CRESCENDO OF SOUND. It was five minutes of 12 o'clock, midnight, when the real noise began. Celebration-drunk engineers sat on the cars which released the steam and screeches from whistles and sirens; swarms of persons pulled at practically all of the bells of the city; thousands of rounds of air pressure were blown earnestly into tin horns of every size and variety; those who had no horns, screamed at the tops of their voices. This gradually rose into a crescendo which startled the sleepy birds in the Berkeley hills. At midnight the roar was deafening. Nineteen-sixteen just held his pink ears and laughed and shouted back. He was pleased.

Fireworks added to the wonder and glory of the scene. Great bombs, bursting against the sky in multi-colored fires, were sent up from the top of the city hall and from the roofs of neighboring office buildings. Vari-colored searchlights were played on the bombs as they exploded in brilliant bursts of living fire.

As a matter of fact, Nineteen-sixteen didn't feel so badly when he left. It was the greatest send-off a parting guest has ever received around here.

CAFE LIFE COLORFUL. The life in the restaurants and cafes was brilliant and colorful. Every one in the lower section of the city was filled to overflowing, and great throngs were turned away from the doors. Far more time was devoted to laughter, dancing and music than to eating and drinking.

Hotel Oakland was one of the great splashes of light and color. The dining-room and cafe were crowded throughout the hours of the celebration. Dancing and music, of course, were the chief attractions.

The Hotel St. Mark entertained a capacity house at all hours. The new ballroom in this, the city's first large hotel, was opened for the occasion, and all who desired were permitted to enter and join in the fun.

Open house was held at the Merchants' Exchange headquarters in Twelfth street. Punch was served and a program of entertainment given. Members of the organization had charge of the general celebration. The following Merchants' Exchange members made up the committee in charge of all the public events, and to these men is due much of the credit for the splendid success of the party.

Harry G. Williams, Colonel J. K. Ritter, Wilber Walker, E. L. Vander Nalven, E. F. Muller, Theodore Gier, E. A. Young, T. Dorgan, Louis Aber, A. Jonas, L. Richardson, W. B. Townsend, T. A. Higdon, G. H. James, J. H. Brown, E. P. Garrison and Frank M. Smith.

'MOVIE' BALL GIVEN. One of the biggest successes of the celebration was the "movie" ball given in the municipal auditorium arena, under the auspices of the Motion Picture Operators of the city. The great arena was crowded to overflowing, and here, also, were hundreds turned away for want of room. Oakland, with all her space, could not take the ears that some of her guests desired.

This dance was probably one of the most successful of the balls given in the auditorium since that given in 1913. A number of feature novelties were introduced by the men who turn the cranks of the machines which release the "tinny" dramas. One of these features was the presentation on the walls of the auditorium of the pictures taken earlier in the evening of the crowds of revelers about the city hall. The pictures were accurately clear, in silhouette, that they were filmed at night. The dancing and merry-making continued throughout the night, and did not end until the sun showed himself this morning.

In addition to the celebration on the streets and in the public restaurants, cafes and hotels, celebrations were held in hundreds of homes about the bay. Servants of the mansions in the Piedmont and Claremont districts were lighted up from cellar to garret, and guests entertained at dances. The lights twinkled late, also, in many smaller homes throughout the city, where smaller parties of revelers New Year revelers welcomed the new year in their own way and with their own entertainment.

LAST NIGHT SERVICES. A church meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. building, at Twenty-first

street and Telegraph avenue. Most of the church societies of the county all joined in this age-old ceremony, and watched the old year die out and give way to the bountiful 1916.

Watch services were held in a dozen other churches about the city. Prayers of thanks for the things that the old year brought and of hope for those that the new will give were held in most of these meetings.

Thus did Oakland speed 1915 on its way and welcome the newer, tenderer year, whose twelve months promise so much for the commercial prosperity and happiness of its people.

GREAT CROWD AT P.M.R. SAN DIEGO, Jan. 1.—The Panama-California International Exposition welcomed the new year at midnight with the biggest crowd that has gathered at the grounds since the opening of the 1915 enterprise.

In honor of the triple celebration—the New Year, the closing of the old exposition and the inauguration of the new one—all of the crowds on the tethers were opened to the public.

GAY IN NEW YORK. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—New Yorkers abandoned themselves last night to revelry and racket. "The gayest New Year's eve on record," was the verdict. Persons who had not made reservations in advance found it almost impossible to get a table in an dining-room after 10 o'clock last night.

QUIET IN LONDON. LONDON, Jan. 1.—Owing to the drink restrictions and the apprehension concerning the new year rather than to any lack of confidence in victory in the war, however long it may be, London celebrated New Year's eve in a much graver mood than customary. The watchful security forces were on hand, and in many places were poorly attended. The theaters and clubs were unusually quiet. The only point where there was an air of festivity was the annual gathering of Scotchmen in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, where the crowds displayed their usual vivacity.

CHICAGO'S GAYEST. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Two and a half million dollars is the estimate given by leading hotel and cafe managers as the amount expended here in the ushering out of the old and the welcoming of the New Year. The same sum was not only the amount of expenditure, but the amount of the celebration as well, for the gayest which had been observed in Chicago.

LID OFF IN LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—With the police announcement that "almost any sort of reasonable amusement will be permitted," Los Angeles celebrated the arrival of the New Year with a series of forms of entertainment. Crowds thronged the city early in the evening while extra midnight performances were given at most of the theaters.

DRY YEAR STARTS. TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 1.—A lively fall of snow, making the streets slippery for automobiles and chilly for pedestrians, put something of a damper on early New Year's eve revels, but all available space was reserved in hotels and cafes for the midnight hour when the old year and the privilege of buying drinks passed on to the new year. The revelers, however, found themselves insufficiently stocked to meet the final demand for liquor and a number of them closed long before the final hour.

Merchants' Exchange Holds Open House

The Merchants' Exchange held open house last night throughout the New Year's celebration, entertaining fully 6000 persons in their Twelfth-street clubrooms. An informal reception was held during the evening by the directors. Punch and refreshments were served, and the wide windows of the Exchange rooms proved an admirable place for watching the big crowds.

Secretary Wilber Walker and special

committees were on the floor to welcome the guests, and congratulations were showered on the Exchange for the success of the New Year's festival. The celebration committee, which has also of last night's reception at change, consisted of the following: Harry G. Williams, Colonel J. K. Ritter, Wilber Walker, E. L. Vander Nalven, E. F. Muller, Theodore Gier, E. A. Young, T. Dorgan, Louis Aber, Jonas, L. Richardson, W. B. Townsend, T. A. Higdon, C. H. James, J. H. Brown, E. P. Garrison and Frank M. Smith.

Shorthand

The Ilse Shorthand Institute is now enrolling students to begin in January. The institute has been established for over fifteen successful years and conducts its work in a quiet, dignified and unusually efficient manner that appeals to the best class of young women who aspire to the better office positions.

The day course is limited to young women who are taught by the small group method with a large degree of individual guidance. Refined surroundings with splendid equipment.

Course includes shorthand, typewriting, office training, commercial correspondence, and bookkeeping if desired.

Our recommendations are the many graduates holding positions in leading banks, civil service and business firms.



ILSEN
Shorthand Institute
529 TWELFTH ST. (Elevator 1121 Washington)

Breuners Annual Pre-Inventory Sale

Commences Monday Morning
20% to 50% Reductions
Furniture, Floor Coverings, etc.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF ITALY

SAVINGS COMMERCIAL
Member
Associated Savings Banks of San Francisco
The San Francisco Clearing House Association
DECEMBER 31, 1915

RESOURCES.	
Clear Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	\$1,512,000.00
Other Loans (Commercial and Industrial)	\$1,512,000.00
Banking Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vault Rental Office and Branches	\$1,512,000.00
Other Real Estate	\$1,512,000.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	\$1,512,000.00
United States, State, Municipal and Other Bonds	\$1,512,000.00
CASH	\$1,512,000.00
	\$22,321,900.00

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Paid Up	\$1,512,000.00
Surplus	\$1,512,000.00
Undivided Profits	\$1,512,000.00
Dividends Capital	\$1,512,000.00
Letters of Credit	\$1,512,000.00
DEPOSITS	\$1,512,000.00
	\$22,321,900.00

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

A. P. GIANNINI and A. PEDRINI, being each separately duly sworn each for himself, depose that said A. P. Giannini is President and that said A. Pedrini is Cashier of the Bank of Italy, the corporation whose condition and that every statement contained therein is true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 31st day of December, 1915.

THOMAS S. BURNES, Notary Public.

The Story of Our Growth

As Shown by a Comparative Statement of Our Resources:

December 31, 1904	\$283,400.00
December 31, 1905	\$1,021,000.00
December 31, 1906	\$1,899,000.00
December 31, 1907	\$2,321,000.00
December 31, 1908	\$2,574,000.00
December 31, 1909	\$2,574,000.00
December 31, 1910	\$6,589,860.00
December 31, 1911	\$8,879,040.00
December 31, 1912	\$11,228,810.00
December 31, 1913	\$15,882,910.00
December 31, 1914	\$18,030,401.00
December 31, 1915	\$22,321,860.00

NUMBER OF DEPOSITORS.

Savings deposits made on or before January 10, 1916, will earn interest from January 1, 1916.

Olympic Club Takes Hike and Plunge

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Not in the least discouraged by the inclement weather, more than 200 members of the Olympic Club this morning took their annual hike to the ocean beach, concluding the hike by taking a dip in the surf. The

walkers were led by President William F. Humphries, Dr. E. G. McConnell and T. I. Fitzpatrick. After strolling about in the ocean for a short time the clubmen again donned their walking clothes, and lunch was served in a beach cafe. A moving picture man accompanied the hiking members of the Olympic Club, taking pictures to be shown throughout the East as an advertisement of California.

The Breuner Bungalow Was Won By Ticket No. 75361

We Wish the Holder of This Ticket, and Everybody

A Happy New Year

Breuner's

NINETY-SIXTH HALF YEARLY REPORT

The German Savings and Loan Society

Savings (THE GERMAN BANK) Commercial
(Member of the Associated Savings Banks of San Francisco)

526 CALIFORNIA STREET

Also having Branch Offices at

S. E. Cor. MISSION and TWENTY-FIRST Sts.
S. W. Cor. CLEMENT St. and SEVENTH Ave.
and S. W. Cor. HAIGHT and BELVEDERE Sts.
for the Receipt and Payment of Deposits only.
San Francisco, California.

SWORN STATEMENT

of the condition and value of the Assets and Liabilities of THE GERMAN SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY, doing its principal business at No. 526 California St., in the City of San Francisco, State of California, and where said Assets are situated on December 31st, 1915.

ASSETS

1—\$4,000,000.00 United States 4% Registered Bonds of 1925, 3% Bonds of 1918, and 3% Bonds of 1930; the value of which is.....	4,224,500.00
4,000,000.00 State of New York and City of New York 4 1/2% and 4% Registered Bonds, the value of which is.....	4,112,500.00
Of the above Bonds \$4,800,000.00 are kept in a Safe in the Vault of and rented from the New York Stock Exchange Building Company in New York City.	
1,500,000.00 State of California 4 1/2% and 3% Bonds, the value of which is.....	1,527,554.00
3,226,742.00 City of San Francisco 5% and other County and Municipal Bonds of this and other States; the value of which is.....	3,421,191.00
23,472,500.00 Miscellaneous Railroad, Cable and Street Railway, Light and other Corporation Bonds; the value of which is.....	3,142,470.00
16,199,242.00 Total market value.....	\$ 16,428,215.00

In Standing on the Books at either par or below par, at \$15,497,757.54	
Promissory Notes secured by first lien on Real Estate, within this State, the States of Oregon, Washington, Utah and Nevada.....	40,622,378.61
Miscellaneous Railroad, Street Railway and other Corporation Bonds and Stock Certificates pledged to the Society for.....	639,161.72
Bank Buildings and Lots, including Vaults, Furniture and Fixtures of Principal and Branch offices, the value of all of which is \$800,000.00, standing on the Books at.....	1.00
Other Real Estate, the value of which is \$108,000.00, standing on the Books at.....	1.00
Employees Pension Fund \$214,238.52 mainly vested in 5% Bonds, standing on the Books at.....	1.00
Cash in United States Gold and Silver Coin and Currency kept by the Corporation in its own vaults.....	3,039,371.15
Total.....	\$ 61,549,662.02

LIABILITIES

1—To Depositors: The Corporation owes Deposits amounting to.....	\$ 55,340,599.28
2—To Stockholders: The amount of Capital Stock actually paid up.....	1,000,000.00
The condition of said liability to stockholders is that no part of the amount can be paid to them, or in any way be withdrawn, except in payment of losses during the existence of the Corporation, nor until all Depositors shall have been paid in full the amount of their deposits and declared dividends.	
3—To Depositors and Stockholders:	
(a) The Reserve Fund.....	1,225,000.00
(b) The Contingent Fund.....	\$ 3,962.64
The condition of said Funds is, that the same have been created for the purpose of additional security to Depositors against losses.	
Total.....	\$ 61,549,662.02

N. OHLANDT,

President of The German Savings and Loan Society.

GEO. TOURNY,

Manager of The German Savings and Loan Society.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ss.
City and County of San Francisco, ss.
N. OHLANDT and GEO. TOURNY, being each separately, duly sworn, each for himself, says: That N. Ohlandt is President, and that said Geo. Tourny is Manager of The German Savings and Loan Society, and that the foregoing statement is true.

N. OHLANDT,
GEO. TOURNY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 31st day of December, 1915.
CHAS. F. DUSENBERG, Notary Public.
(Seal)

Marriages Have Three to One

2898 Wed Here in Year;
964 Separate

During 1915 there were 2898 marriages between persons in Alameda county and 964 divorces filed, according to records compiled by County Clerk George E. Gross. The figures show that there were 44 less brides and grooms were issued. In 1914, when 2942 marriages were issued, the divorces averaged a little over 80 per cent. In 1914 there were 522 final decrees of divorce granted. The final for 1915 have not yet been compiled. In addition to the divorces filed last year there were about 30 amendments of judgments. The majority of the complaints in divorce suits alleged cruelty, while the remainder were for desertion, or both desertion and cruelty. More women brought suit than men, but in a few cases the husbands were granted decrees on their cross-complaint. On the other hand, in cases where the original action was filed by the husband the wife obtained the interlocutory decrees on her cross-complaint.

CALIFORNIA HAS WINTRY NEW YEAR

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A strong sun today this may be for the next twenty-four hours. Rain has been general along the entire coast, including Alaska. In this vicinity 42 of an inch fell. There seems no immediate signs of a change in the weather and a continuance of the rain is predicted.

SNOW IN STOCKTON.

STOCKTON, Jan. 1.—Stockton is blanketed under an inch of snow at 9 o'clock this morning, but the sun is shining brightly and indications are that it will melt rapidly. Snow began falling about 2:30 o'clock this morning and continued without cessation until after 6 o'clock. The New Year's merry-makers engaged in snow fights throughout the morning hours and Stockton has been wide awake for twenty-four hours. The snowfallers did not pick any favorites; anybody and everybody who came their way got the benefit of the pellets. The temperature is considerably lower than yesterday.

SAN JOSE SETS RECORD.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 1.—Yesterday was the coldest day San Jose has experienced since the establishment of the weather bureau here eleven years ago, the thermometer dropping to 22.8 at 5 a. m. There was an unofficial record of 18 degrees in the 50s. The coldest previous records were February 2, 1910, and January 7, 1914, when the thermometer dropped to 25 degrees.

SNOW IN OREGON.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 1.—The first snow of the season began falling in Eugene at 6 o'clock last night and the entire upper Willamette valley is covered in a blanket of white. The snow is melting rapidly, the thermometer registering 30 degrees above zero.

HEAVY FALL IN WILLAMETTE.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1.—Snow, the first of the season here, fell heavily last night. Fruit men say the snow will not work any injury to orchards in this section of the Willamette valley and may be a benefit.

TERRIFIC STORM IN ROCKIES.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Jan. 1.—Western Colorado early today was in the grip of one of the worst snowstorms in years. An average of twenty-three inches of snow covers the Grand valley. The town of Gateway is reported completely isolated and communication with several other small towns was cut.

Snow in Casper canyon is reported to be forty-four inches deep. Forest rangers report the snow has drifted in places to a depth of eleven feet. Stockmen planned to hold a meeting today to consider means of protection of cattle and sheep. Inter-urban service on electric lines in Grand valley is paralyzed. Reports from the southwestern part of the state early today were that the storm was still raging and railroad transportation was greatly interrupted. The snowfall has been steady now for more than two days.

TRAIN HITS SNOWSLIDE.

DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 1.—A fierce blizzard struck Southwestern Colorado last night, following a snowfall of two days. The snow is two feet deep in Durango and still falling. The temperature is rapidly dropping and fear is entertained for stock on the ranges. A passenger train on the Silverton branch of the Denver & Rio Grande last night struck a snowslide six miles from Durango. Engineer Louis Johnson applied the brakes and stuck to his post. The train stuck in the snowbank over the Las Animas river and backed safely to Durango. No one was injured.

NEW YEAR "SNOWED IN."

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 1.—The New Year was ushered in last night with the first snowfall in two years. The temperature has moderated and indications are that rain will follow. Less than an inch of snow fell.

FREEZE IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Following a day of brilliant sunshine, which dried the ground considerably, citrus growers of Southern California passed a night of vigilance to protect their orchards from the frost and freezing weather.

Reports indicated that the storm which covered many points in Southern California yesterday with a mantle of snow was traveling eastward over Arizona. At many places the heaviest snowfall in years was reported.

SNOW IN FRESNO.

FRESNO, Jan. 1.—Dawn today revealed a mantle of snow in Fresno, the first in five years. On January 1, 1911, four inches of snow fell in this city. At 6 o'clock this morning snow began falling and by 8 o'clock one inch had fallen. A light rain a few hours later melted most of the snow. The rain will be of great value to farmers, as winter plowing is in full swing.

Missionaries Rescued by Chinese Troops

BEIJING, Jan. 1.—Chinese troops have rescued the missionaries of the Szechuan-Mongolian Mission at Pichang, Mongolia. Recent advices were that the mission had been surrounded by bandits.

WOMAN RESCUES HER OWN FAMILY

Death in Burning Mansion Is Averted by Telephone Call.

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Mrs. Curran had returned to her room to dress. The firemen found her unconscious.

The Curran mansion is a wreck. It was filled with paintings, furniture and valuable bric-a-brac, all brought over a year ago from Paris. The loss, it is thought, will total \$20,000.

When the firemen went to find the maid they discovered that on returning to her room to dress she had been overcome almost immediately. She was carried out unconscious, but quickly revived. Two other servants, a cook and a second boy, were out for the night.

Neither Mrs. Curran nor her husband was able to dress by reason of their anxiety for the safety of their son and the servants. All went next door to the home of Sig Newman, the grain broker, whose family supplied them with wearing apparel. Then they went to the residence of Dr. Herbert C. Moffitt, 1315 Broadway. From there, later in the day, Mrs. Curran and her son went to the residence of Robert Hays Smith, 2324 Pacific avenue.

CAUSED BY A FLGE.

When the firemen entered the smoke-filled home they found that the fire had been caused by a defective flue. The flames had eaten within the walls and for three hours the firemen endeavored to choke them off. Partitions had to be torn down, plaster removed and the entire interior wrecked in order to quench the blaze. During this time the underwriters endeavored as best they could to save the fittings. Among the paintings which may have been destroyed or damaged are two Camille and one Largiere.

The Currans were the subject of international gossip several years ago by reason of a general family rearrangement born of several divorce suits successfully prosecuted in France. Mrs. Curran, formerly Miss Ethel Cook, was very prominent in local society. She was married to Sterling Postley and with him went to Paris. Postley's sister, Elise, was the first wife of Ross Amber Curran. All were friendly, and when there came whisperings of possible divorce proceedings society, both in France and the United States, began to take notice.

Divorces were arranged and Mrs. Postley married Curran. Mrs. Curran, having obtained a divorce, was wedded to another resident of Paris.

COURAGEOUS IN PERIL

Mrs. Curran was brave throughout the trying experience of this morning.

"I was sound asleep and had been for hours. I don't know what it was that awoke me unless it was the difficulty of getting my breath," she explained. "When I opened my eyes I found my room filled with smoke. My first thought was for my son, and after awaking my husband I hurried across the hall to his room. I found him sleeping and strange to say, there was no smoke there. I left him and aroused the maid and the butler."

"Meantime, Mr. Curran had telephoned the fire department. We could not get down stairs and they carried us down ladders. I don't know what we would have done but for the telephone, as my husband shouted from the windows and nobody heard us."

The exclusive Pacific Heights section, in which the Curran home is located, was safe in slumberland at the time of the fire, neighbors being woken out by the New Year's celebration. Scarcely a dozen persons witnessed the fight put up by the department. The Curran home is owned by Thomas Driscoll, the San Mateo millionaire polo player.

Christian Detectives to Aid Evangelists

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Plans for the training of "Christian Detectives," whose duty it will be to uncover moral conditions of a community in advance of revival campaigns, were announced here today by the School of Civic Evangelism which has been holding sessions at the Moody Institute. The "detectives" will be trained by a committee headed by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, superintendent of the International Reform League.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN.

RICHMOND, Jan. 1.—The Richmond public school will reopen on Monday. The new Pullman school, under construction, will not be ready until about April.

NO. 75,361 WINS BREUNER HOME

Several Hundred Persons See Selection From 100,000 Coupons.

A crowd of several hundred persons gathered about a pile of over 100,000 coupons in the Breuner store last evening, when the management of the large department store conducted a drawing for the eighth of the handsome bungalows given to residents of the eastbay cities.

A little girl to draw the numbers and a committee of citizens selected in the crowd, the drawing was conducted in a business-like manner and in a way to satisfy everyone.

The winner of the Breuner bungalow for 1915 is the possessor of ticket No. 75,361. He was in the crowd at the store and is expected to make his identity known today.

Four other numbers were drawn so that if for any reason the person who had the first number does not appear to claim the bungalow, it may be given to the next in order. The numbers, in sequence are, 75,483, 72,323, 24,655, 45,661.

Little telephone Gaspar, 1607 Fifty-fifth street, unfolded drew the numbers from the bag while J. W. Neal, 1621 Channing way, and T. W. Ring, 1122 Fifty-fourth street acted as committeemen.

The company has presented bungalows during the past eight years to Mrs. F. Daly of San Lorenzo; A. W. Reynolds, 11 N. Cummings, Hank Lorchon, Al Moffatt, Oakland, and Mrs. Katherine Smith, West Berkeley, and W. E. Deeks, Oakland. The structures are valued at \$5000 and are now being constructed in readiness for occupancy.

The Meddler

velled with silver, and the younger crowd danced until dinner time.

Some of the debutantes receiving were: Miss Helen Crocker, Miss Julia Van Fleet, Miss Hannah Hobart, Miss Elena Eyre, Miss Jean Wheeler, Miss Marian Baker and Miss Elizabeth Adams, daughter of the Edson Adams, who is one of the debutante's dearest friends. As Bessie Wheaton and May Tucker, their mothers were devoted chums years ago.

For dinner Mr. and Mrs. McNear had fifty of their friends, and among them, Bishop William Ford Nichols, who officiated at their wedding, and Mrs. Nichols, who had been a guest of the wedding, was also there, and Miss Margaret Nichols was one of the belles of the afternoon party.

The table decorations, like those of the afternoon, were evolved by John McMullen, who has a fondness for crystal balls and painted fruits in his designs.

There were Florentine bowls of silver apples and red pomegranates on the tables, and silver baskets filled with silver balls through which glowed amber lights. Silver veiled poinsettia and laurel were used, and from the chandeliers hung silver and crimson pennants.

Among the dinner guests were: Mrs. George McNear Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNear, Mr. and Mrs. George P. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. John McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Seward McNear, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Branton, Mr. and Mrs. George Nickel, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ford, Mr. and Mrs. John Jerome Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Edington Detrick, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Morgan and the Edson Adams.

ECHOES OF ITALIAN FETE STILL HEARD.

The holidays have been so filled with parties that anything five-days ago seems ancient history. But there are still echoes of Mrs. Will Crocker's Italian fete at the St. Francis Monastery. Generally concealed, the most picturesque and altogether worth while affair in a season of war-relief fets. It was for the Italian and Serbian hospitals and the stars and stripes, draped the ball-

SOCIETY REVIVES OLD NEW YEAR CUSTOM.

Today there are New Year receptions with the old-fashioned hospitality of "open house" revived, though on consideration, there is a difference in the hospitality.

Quite as cordial as that of the 60's, when hostesses kept "open house" for any and all of their friends from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., but less elaborate.

In those days they served banquets all day with, literally, gallons of egg-nogs and champagne.

Gentlemen in lavender trousers, silk hats, pearl gray gloves, and Prince Albert coats consumed an extraordinary amount of these things. It isn't done nowadays. And no 1916 hostess could be bored receiving an endless stream of courtly gentlemen whose courtliness grew slightly strained as the day wore on, and who, from all accounts, made a direct line for the dining-room after greetings.

However, there were delightful parties at the old Tents and Haggin mansions in Taylor street, and society of South Park, where the Hall McAllisters, Ashes and Lathams entertained in the 60's in San Francisco, knew many brilliant New Year receptions.

This year in Piedmont Mrs. Wickham Havens kept "open house," but with the hospitality of the time, and a charming informality. In San Francisco the Charles Stetson Wheelers entertained, and most of Miss Jean Wheeler's young friends were among the guests. Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter gave a New Year reception in Claremont this afternoon.

DEBUT IN SETTING OF SILVER AND RED.

Surely no debutante ever had a more radiant "first party" than Miss Ethel McNear's tea dance at the Fairmont yesterday. A shimmering silver party with silver-shaded lights and red flowers veiled with silver. It was Mr. and Mrs. McNear's silver wedding anniversary as well as the debut of their daughter. The prettiest debut of the year, with most of the family friends there, and the debutantes "assisting."

The reception was in the ballroom of the Fairmont, arranged like a drawing-room, with the flowers sent to the debutante in a fragrant conchoidal in straw-covered bottles were some of the things served at half past three, though from 11 o'clock, when the fete opened, light refreshments could be ordered.

Some of the younger-set in Italian peasant costume were elegant in the flower girls for the evening, Miss Helen Crocker, Miss Genevieve Roth-

room, set with supper tables. It was a sort of cabaret, with the singers going among the tables, and a stage at one end of the room.

Supper was substantial, with an Italian touch to the menu. Scrambled eggs, crisp bacon, macaroni, and a Neapolitan street singer in a gown designed by John McMullen. She is very dark, slender and graceful, and wore it perfectly. The skirt was of bright figured chalis made with a wild floss. Scarfs of orange-green and cerise silk were used to fashion the bodice. The sleeves were made of

twists of the soft silk, orange on one side and cerise on the other. The Crocker was presented with a great variety of scarfs fell from one basket of scarfs to the bottom of the dress, and were of every color, and the head-dress was of gold net with

the piece do resistance in the program was, of course, Miss Ethel Crocker's singing to Signor De Grassi's violin playing. It was a keen "stunt" that would "go" anywhere on the stage and won no end of applause.

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Signor De Grassi, as her cavalier, was a Venetian gentleman in lurid, gaudy red tunic embroidered in gold, silk tights to match, and a velvet cap of purple and gold. They strolled among the tables with their music, and Miss Crocker was showered with very popular engaged girl received

After a Venetian flower song on the violin, for which Uda Waldron, as a gondolier in brown velvet trousers, blouse, and red cap, announced her betrothal to Mr. The Crocker was presented with a great variety of scarfs fell from one basket of scarfs to the bottom of the dress, and were of every color, and the head-dress was of gold net with

Engagement cups for Miss Jean Clift have added to her store of holiday presents. Someone said the other day, "up" from her observation, a very popular engaged girl received

Ernestine McNear, that was, received eighty-something, when she played a piano accompaniment, Miss Nickel. But this was a record. The Crocker was presented with a great variety of scarfs fell from one basket of scarfs to the bottom of the dress, and were of every color, and the head-dress was of gold net with

Miss Clift's engagement to Dr. Howard Campbell was informally announced at Christmas to members of the family, who had rather surmised it, however, for several months. Dr. Campbell came up from Santa Barbara for Christmas and Mrs. Clift had a dinner for the Muller Seales, Irving Landborgs, and Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell of Berkeley, her son-in-law-to-be's parents.

The families are very pleased, and there are endless good wishes for the young people.

Mrs. Clift and her daughter have lived across the bay for several years, but Miss Jean was born in Oakland and went to Miss Head's school in Berkeley with several of the Oakland and Piedmont girls. Later she spent three or four years in Europe with her mother. She knew Dr. Campbell in Berkeley, when he was a university student, and afterwards the friendship was renewed in the South, where Mrs. Clift has leased a residence in Santa Barbara for several summers. Dr. Campbell has become one of the prominent young physicians of the mission city, and will

occupy a suite of many rooms and could have quite a "home wedding."

INTEREST IN MRS. CAROLAN'S SINGING.

There was a good deal of interest in Mrs. Carolan's singing also. She wore a bright Italian peasant costume, a green skirt striped with black, black velvet bodice embroidered in gold, and a shawl of pink and green over her head. Her voice is very pleasing and she uses it with a dramatic intensity that adds much to her singing.

Mrs. Crocker's is a clear soprano voice, of exquisite quality. There is something about her that suggests Geraldine Farrar as she might have been before a grand opera success.

Mrs. Crocker was very handsome that night, in violet-colored chiffon embroidered in silver over soft white tulle that was quite full in the skirt. She wore a necklace of pearls, a rather short necklace of large, perfectly matched stones.

Among the guests at her table were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Landfield, Signor and Madame De Grassi, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Garnett of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin (Virginia Hobart), Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hopkins, and the Crocker girls with some of their friends.

Mrs. Landfield was in black beaded net, and Madame De Grassi wore a lace gown over rose satin, Venetian point, that she brought from abroad, and very apropos that evening.

A lot of the fun of the evening was centered in the Neapolitan trio from the Bohemian Club, Charles Dickman, "Bill" Hopkins, and McKenzie Gordon, who were showered with silver and gold pieces. The cigarette girls gathered up the coins that added over a hundred dollars to the relief fund.

PLAYING GARDEN IN PIEDMONT HILLS.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Crosby are very much interested in their piedmont garden. Their home is in Fruitvale, but they've bought a lot in the Piedmont hills and are planting a garden, though the new house may not be built for a year.

It is a beautiful site, back of the Frank Havens place and overlooking the bay and sunsets in the Golden Gate. Trees are being set out, and the grounds have been planned by Mrs. Crosby, who has a really charming garden at her Fruitvale home, with pergola, and hedge of geranium that seem to be red most of the year round.

The Crosbys have also a summer home in Monterey, where the old-fashioned garden has been admired by their friends.

Speaking of gardens, there was a day of Christmas gardening out in Thousand Oaks, where the Chamberlains have recently bought a home. All of her friends sent Mrs. Chamberlain plants and slips for the new garden as holiday gifts, and Christmas day the young Edward Chamberlain, with Miss Pauline Chamberlain and other members of the family, "set them out." Next year the garden should be a blaze of flowers.

NEW YEAR VISITORS AT DEL MONTE.

The New Year golf tournament at Del Monte drew visitors to Monterey, where the William Pierce Johnsons, with Miss Josephine, a star of links, and Mrs. John Pym Nevill, among the guests. Jack Neville misses a golf tournament at Del Monte.

Quite a delegation went down yesterday from Burlingame, the Tobins, Robin Haynes, He Paynes, Mrs. Richard Glavin, William Duncans, Miss Isabel and Edmunds Lyman included dance last evening in the clubhouse was a jolly affair.

BELLES AND BEAUX ON THEATER SCAFF.

The staff of Mrs. Miller Graham's playhouse in Montecito includes, as most theaters do, head ushers, ushers, wardrobe woman, wardrobe man, lookkeeper, and all the rest of the usual functionaries.

This is not remarkable. But the personnel of the staff is truly so.

For example, Joel Fitchian, millionaire, is head usher. Mr. William Norman Campbell of Montecito is his assistant. The ushers are Miss Gladys Kenney, cousin of the Charles Keeney; Miss Mary McLaughlin.

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MISS ADA NASON, ONE OF THE BELLES OF OAKLAND SOCIETY. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR G. NASON OF CLAREMONT, AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEAUTES OF THE SMART SET.—Fraser photo.



Breuners Annual Pre-Inventory Sale

Commences Friday Morning

20% to 50% Reductions

Furniture, Floor Coverings, etc.



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Miss Ogilvy and Miss Dorothy Fithian, belles of the Montecito set.

Mrs. Frazier, of the country club contingent, is "wardrobe woman," and Mr. John Boyd, "wardrobe man." Joseph G. Coleman Jr. is doorman; Mr. Graham, manager; Felton Elkins, assistant manager, and Earl Graham, stage manager. An efficient staff, distinguished from other theatricals by the fact that it draws its salaries.

It was done to avoid clashes at rehearsals and performances, because experience had proved that everyone in an amateur production has suggestions for everyone else, and no one a single certain detail to direct. Felton Elkins' idea, they say, born of experience at the San Mateo Polo Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins are spending the holidays with the latter's relatives in Kansas City, but will soon return to their Montecito home, and Mrs. Elkins' sister, Miss Breckinridge, who visited her last year in Burlingame, will come to California with them.

"Snow White," in which Mrs. Elkins made a hit as Prince Flormel several weeks ago, was repeated Christmas day at the Montecito playhouse with Mr. Gardner Hammond taking Mrs. Elkins' role. Miss Nina James was a lovely Snow White again, and everyone in Santa Barbara and Montecito, including the Bothins, was there.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE IN IRWIN HOME

Most of the debutants set who danced at Miss Elmin McNear's party yesterday afternoon danced their slippers to places again last night at Mrs. William Irwin's ball for Miss Helen Crocker.

New Year's eve is usually celebrated by the older sets with the "children" left at home, and Mrs. Irwin planned the dance for the younger people not included in downtown parties of their elders. It was given at the Irwin mansion in Washington street with a dinner preceding the dance.

The ballroom of the Irwin house, on a lower floor at the back of the house, overlooks the Golden Gate. There are large windows with panels of gold brocade between, and at the opposite side of the room, mirrors in place of windows. These were guarded with Cecil Breuer roses, and at the stage were fountains of hundreds of the roses with tall vases of pink chrysanthemums—a light Empire effect.

The Charles Templeton Crocker, Miss Genevieve Bothin, Miss Gertrude Hopkins, Miss Elmin McNear, Miss Leslie Miller, Miss Ruth Zelle, Stanford Gwin, Corbett Moody, and Frederick Van Sicken were among the 200 guests.

Several of the same group of young people are going up to Truckee next Friday for a week-end of winter sports, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miller.

SOME OF THE PARTIES OF NEW YEAR'S EVE

One of the merry home celebrations last evening was at the Frank Proctor house in Vernon Heights. The Proctors had the Piedmont coterie at their party. There were eighty guests, among them the Wickham Havens, the Havens, Newells, D. A. Proctor, Willard Williamsons, and others. In Berkeley Mrs. Clinton Day and

Miss Carol Day gave a reception at their home in Channing way.

Over at the Palace were the William E. Sharons and a number of the Piedmont colony who had tables there, the Granville Abbotts, Herbert Hamilton Browns, George Wilhelms, Harry Farris, Mrs. Isaac Requa, and others.

At the Claremont Country Club were members of the Claremont and Berkeley sets who dined at the club, and later danced the old year out.

Colonel and Mrs. D. C. Jackling, just home from New York, were hosts at the St. Francis, where the Walter Martins also had guests, and where the Templeton Crockers joined the revelers late from the Erwin dance.

Others at the St. Francis were the Fred McNeers, Latham McMullins, Talbot Walkers, William H. Taylors, Gus Taylors, and others of the Burlingame class.

SMART SET MATRONS IN SMART COSTUMES

Dining informally at the Hotel Oakland, the other night, were the Joseph Roshorougs, Mrs. Rosborough looking very smart in black velvet and furs and a small black velvet turban, wreathed with futuristic flowers, on her masses of golden-brown hair.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Henshaw drifted in for luncheon one day, the latter vivacious and sparkling with her quick smile. She was in blue, a cloth and silk gown, with a broad-brimmed, flat blue hat.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison also lunched at the hotel on a recent afternoon, in brown cloth with brown furs, the favorite costume of fashion this winter.

FOLGERS TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK

The Ernest Folgers are soon to depart for New York, but for a few months only, and principally to visit their friends, the Donnington Lyons of Pittsburgh, who were in San Francisco in the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon will join them in New York and later entertain the Folgers at their home.

Miss Betty and Miss Elena Folger are spending a vacation at home from school in Menlo Park and were guests of honor at a luncheon given this week by the three Mejia girls, Coralia, Leonore, and Elvira, who also attended the Sacred Heart convent in Menlo.

SMALL REFUGEE ARRIVES FROM BELGIUM

A quaint, little refugee from Belgium arrived recently in San Francisco and is a guest at the home of Mrs. Charles Low, widow of Judge Low, at her home near the Presidio. He is Karl Kaufman, aged 2 years, and a very engaging small person, whose parents were victims of the siege of Liege.

In the care of a Flemish nurse, he made the journey to California a few weeks ago, to his uncle, Major Helfert, who is Mrs. Low's son-in-law.

Major and Mrs. Helfert have made their home with Mrs. Low since their return from the Philippines, where Major Helfert was for a time governor of Samar. The baby's mother was his sister.

The family lived in Liege and the father was killed in the first days of the war. Mrs. Kaufman's death soon afterward was the result of grief and shock. Her small son, who was then only a few months old, was left to the care of friends until his uncle could send for him, and he may accompany his foster-parents to Manila this year.

ENTERTAINED DIPLOMATIC SET IN TOKIO

Over in San Rafael Mrs. William Babcock is entertaining her relatives, the Henry Mays of Washington, who arrived last week from Japan, where Mr. May has been a secretary at the American embassy in Tokio. He is en route to Buenos Aires to a new diplomatic post, and they will leave in a few days. The Mays spent Christmas at sea, but took in the New Year's celebration in San Francisco. Mr. May is a "May of Baltimore," which is equivalent to being a "Biddle of Philadelphia," and they are interesting, charming people who have entertained a great deal in the diplomatic set in Tokio, where there are many dinners and garden parties in the English manner.

All of the "foreign" homes in Tokio have beautiful gardens and the American embassy, with its broad

lawns in a walled garden, is especially suited for entertaining. Different, for a time at least, a California girl who went there as a bride last year has written friends of her life at Kyoto:

"We spend most of our time in Kyoto in our Japanese house, which we took last year to use just for a week-end place. In Kobe I missed my friends. But I love Kyoto. One can live here without friends. I and I have many good times in an informal, simple way. We go to 'all-English movies,' with English scenes and characters, that are given here every week (the Japanese, like the rest of the world, flock to 'movies'), and to view the different flowers as the seasons come. On our anniversary we went 'maple-viewing' to a lovely suburb of Kyoto—Uji, in the tea district. The leaves were gorgeously colored and the people made fete days and journeyed to see them. There are always the tea houses for refreshment."

"Maple viewing" is surely a poetic pastime—an odd contrast to bridge and dinner dancing of Occidental society.

HONEYMOONERS SPEND HOLIDAYS IN WASHINGTON

The Stewart Lanes are guests of Secretary and Mrs. Franklin K. Lane in Washington, where they spent the holidays after a visit to New York with Mrs. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kirohen. They are enjoying the theaters and gay life at the capital to the limit, and Mrs. Lane has taken her charming young in-laws to a number of brilliant parties in the cabinet set.

There is interesting news from the secretary's household that the engagement of his son, Franklin Jr., to a prominent Washington belle may soon be announced.

ENGLISH GIRL IS FAVORITE IN SOCIETY

An English girl, Miss Innes Bodwell, has been one of the belles of the holidays across the bay. She is visiting Miss Leslie Miller from her home in Victoria, though for the New Year week-end she is a guest at the Garrick home in Burlingame.

Yesterday she was the center of a group at Miss Elmin McNear's tea dance. A bright, natural girl, with a most diverting sense of humor. She and Miss Miller have the best sort of times together. Leslie Miller also has a sense of comedy that her slender grace and poetic face somewhat belie.

JENKS HOME CLOSED BUT TEMPORARILY

The Livingston Jenks house on Russian Hill is closed once more. This year Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowe are living there, but they drew the shades and looked the door (metaphorically speaking). The servants are still there, and departed for Grand Rapids, where the furniture comes from, to spend Christmas with Mr. Lowe's relatives. His father is one of those Northwestern lumber princes. Mrs. Lowe was Miss Emily Johnson before her marriage.

The Jenks house has been closed most of the time since it was built. It is one of the picturesque places on Russian Hill and a landmark from the bay. The Jenks came over to Berkeley to remain soon after they built it, and this winter, for the first time in years, there are silk curtains in the windows and a charming lived-in look about it. The Lowes, with their small son, will return from Michigan in a week or two.

THE MEDDLER

Great Crowd at Auditorium Ball

One of the greatest crowds that ever gathered at the Municipal Auditorium packed that great structure last night when the motion picture operators played host at the mammoth "Movie Ball." From 8:30 until 12 o'clock this morning the revelers danced and made merry. Special cabaret features, motion pictures of the crowds on the streets and the slide of the "Human Fly," taken under the beams of a searchlight, a remarkable lighting arrangement in which the dancers whirled under the spotlights of a hundred colored spotlights, and showers of confetti and serpentine made the evening gay.

Not since the "Ball of a Thousand Colors" has there been such an affair in the city's great dance hall.

Prominent people crowded the boxes, and gay gowns and novel costumes vied with the colored lights. Several theatrical stars appeared in makeup and a number of prominent dancers and features were given during the evening.

NEW TWO-CENT POST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A 2-cent rate for letters between the United States and British Guiana, South America, effective January 1, was announced yesterday by the Postoffice Department, which has concluded an agreement with the British colony similar to that reached with the Bahama Islands, Barbados, British Honduras, Leeward Islands and Newfoundland. The letter rate to all other British colonies except Canada is 5 cents an ounce.

BELLODY HURT

Custis Jarnes, a bellboy at the Hotel Oakland, stepped from behind a taxicab at Fourteenth and Harrison streets in front of a machine driven by E. J. Waller. Jarnes was badly injured, suffering from scalp wounds and abrasions of the lower limbs. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where he was treated by Steward Davison.

Take Time to Care for Complexion, Says Lillian Russell

COMPLEXION depends on circulation of the blood in the whole body. The cure is not baths, friction of the body daily and the use of a lotion made of a saturated solution of camphor in alcohol two or three times a day, and allowed to dry upon the face. An application of pure oil cream should follow each application of the lotion in order that the skin does not become too dry.

The greatest benefit is gained by hot bathing, which is the secret of youthfulness. The bath must be taken in a warm room, the person wiped with hot dry towels and the fresh clothes must be warm and as well aired as it is possible to make them. The effect of the hot water sends the blood to the surface of the skin, setting its secretions flowing freely.

In a sluggish, uncared-for skin only the stronger glands are in use, and double work is crowded upon them, which gives the complexion its coarse appearance. But in a healthy skin all the glands take up their part, none being swollen unduly, and all being invisible. The skin is at its best, like a leaf of an azalea, rose, white and translucent. Suppose, in this state, or approaching it, one step into the cool air and cooler clothing. By the time one is dressed one is thoroughly chilled, all the delicate effect on the complexion is marred, the skin hardens to resist the chill, and one can hazard a guess that the people who take up their part, none being swollen unduly, and all being invisible. The skin is at its best, like a leaf of an azalea, rose, white and translucent. Suppose, in this state, or approaching it, one step into the cool air and cooler clothing. 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FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS INCREASE

Discount Million More Bills Than the Week Previous.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Bills discounted and bought by federal reserve banks during the past week increased about \$17,000,000 over the previous week. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve board showing the banks' standing on December 30 follows:

Resources:

Gold coin and certificates in vault, \$266,446,000.

Government securities, \$17,282,000.

Gold redemption fund with U. S. treasurer, \$1,124,000.

Total gold reserve, \$268,652,000.

Legal tender notes, silver, etc., \$13,520,000.

Total reserve, \$282,172,000.

Investments:

U. S. bonds, \$15,707,000.

Municipal warrants, \$12,220,000.

Federal reserve notes, net, \$21,010,000.

Due from federal reserve banks, net, \$20,167,000.

All other resources, \$6,547,000.

Total resources, \$391,119,000.

Liabilities:

Capital paid in, \$24,915,000.

Government deposits, \$15,000,000.

Reserve and net, \$40,012,000.

Federal reserve notes, net, \$13,466,000.

All other liabilities, \$7,697,000.

Total liabilities, \$401,110,000.

Gold reserve against net liabilities, 84.6 per cent.

Cash reserve against net liabilities, 87.9 per cent.

VALLEJO NOTES

VALLEJO, Jan. 1.—Mara Island is to be allowed to Jan. 1. The island machinery for destroyers. For a time it looked as though only the Eastern plants were to be given the privilege of figuring on the engines for the month of January. Vallejo had a number of New Year's celebrations here last night and hundreds of residents from Benicia, Suisun, Napa, St. Helena and Calistoga celebrated the birth of 1916 in a manner that will not be forgotten for many days. The "battleship" California, otherwise known as No. 41, had an important part in the parade and a sharp battle between the "battleship" and Fort Daubert was one of the many features of the evening's entertainment.

John Clavo, one of the best known local business men, is dead after one day's illness with pneumonia. Mr. Clavo passed away at the Vallejo General Hospital Friday, which institution he entered Thursday morning for the purpose of obtaining treatment.

Mrs. Frank Theron, an aged pioneer resident of this city, passed away at her home in Ohio street last Thursday night after a long illness. Mrs. Theron leaves a son Frank.

Samuel J. McKnight resigned his position as vice-president of the Vallejo Commercial Bank yesterday. He is to engage in the real estate business here.

SALLOW SKIN

is one of the greatest foes of womanly beauty. It is quickly cleared by correcting the cause—sluggish liver—with the aid of the gently stimulating, safe and dependable remedy—

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF

Four (4) Per Cent

Per Annum.

Payable on after Monday, Jan. 3, 1916, has been declared by the

SECURITY BANK

Oakland, Cal.

On all Savings Deposits for the half year ending December 31, 1915.

Dividends not called for are added to and bear the same rate of interest as the principal from January 1, 1916.

Deposits made on or before January 10, 1916, draw interest from January 1, 1916.

CHARLES A. SMITH, Cashier.

Painless Parker Dentist

TWELFTH AND BROADWAY.

Baker Blows Up 800 Balloons!

Sword Equal Only to 500 Inflations

"Long fatigue" is the ailment that today has assailed Carl Baker, manager of the Hotel Oakland, and Walter Baker, assistant manager of the hotel. It's something like a literal application of the old saying "Too tired to breathe."

The cause is in the toy balloons used in the New Year's eve celebration last night. These were small rubber affairs, to be blown up by the parties at the tables and thrown about.

But the rubber was too thick, or too hard, or something—anyway, they were too hard for the women to blow up—and many men also failed in the lung test.

"Here—how do these work?" "Here—how do these work?" "Here—how do these work?"

There was the question that assailed the manager and his assistant on all sides. Of course, they were obliging, so they blew up the balloons to demonstrate. Second blow up something like 500 balloons, and Baker, though smaller in stature, has a record of 600 balloons.

Today neither man is able to speak above a half-whisper, and every breath is a feat of endurance. Physicians say they will probably be recovered by tonight—if they don't breathe too much.

BUTCHER GORED BY AN ENRAGED BULL

VALLEJO, Jan. 1.—Falling into a corral with an angry bull, Philip Steffens, a butcher, saved himself by the fence, only after being badly gored by the infuriated animal. Horrified spectators witnessed the man's struggles to escape the animal, and by the time he had reached safety a physician had been called and was on the ground ready to attend to him.

The incident occurred while Steffens was unloading a carload of steers, driving the animals from cattle pens into a corral. The last of the animals, as he sought to drive it down the cattle chute, turned on him, knocking him to the ground and trampling and mauling him as he lay on the incline. He managed to reach the corral door, from the shelter of which he killed the animal with a revolver.

Bystanders in the meantime hurried to call Dr. W. L. McFarland, who hurried to the scene and rendered first aid. The animal, it developed on examination, had had its leg broken in the ear and was badly mangled and was evidently crazed with pain when the butcher sought to drive it down the chute.

Reorganization of Terminal Railways

In connection with the redemption of all interest coupons on bonds of San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway by the syndicate of thirteen banks, as announced in the Oakland Tribune yesterday, the bondholders will be asked to sign bills of sale which bears the following clause:

"This purchase is made in contemplation of the adoption of a plan of reorganization of the properties of the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway which will be submitted to the public as soon as possible. Any coupons purchased hereunder may be used by the purchaser for the purpose of having the principal of the bonds to which the coupons belong, declared due, if the owner of the bond approves the plan and deposits his bond thereunder."

The banks joining in this advance consist of the Bank of California, National Association, the Anglo and London, Pacific National Bank, California Trust Company, the German Savings and Loan Society, Mercantile National Bank of San Francisco, International Bank and Trust Company, Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank of San Francisco, The First National Bank of San Francisco, Union Trust Company of San Francisco, Central National Bank, Oakland, The Oakland Bank of Savings and the First National Bank, Oakland.

Dog Muzzles Useless, Says State Official

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—Edward T. Ross, state sanitary inspector, declared today that muzzles for dogs never should be permitted, and that they do no good in fighting rabies.

"I believe muzzles are useless," said Ross. "They are false security which we impose on dogs, the innocent victims. Muzzles make the dogs more free from rabies helpless to protect themselves when attacked by a rabid animal."

HOTEL ARRIVALS

HOTEL ST. MARK—Miss M. E. Keller, Oak; Mr. G. W. Kuehnelt, Pismo; G. R. Hartmann and wife, Martinez; Mr. and Mrs. J. Alvarado, San Francisco; J. H. Ruffin, Oakland; Miss Son Stevens and son, Oakland; B. H. Campbell, Danville; J. H. Edwards, Woodland; C. H. Stevenson, Contra Costa; J. Prince and wife, Pacific; B. H. Sacramento; F. Burdick and wife, Berkeley; W. A. Taylor, Oakland; H. R. French and wife, Berkeley; J. D. Burr, Berkeley; Charles Bush, Jr., Los Angeles; Miss M. L. Lohm, Oakland; M. J. Sautelle and wife, Arthur C. Irwin and wife, San Francisco; J. H. Hard and wife, Sacramento.

Breuer's Annual Pre-Inventory Sale

Commences Monday Morning

20% to 50% Reductions

Furniture, Floor Coverings, etc.

SALVINI, GREATEST TRAGEDIAN, DEAD

Former Favorite of Two Continents Expires at Florence.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Tommaso Salvini, the eminent Italian tragedian, has just died at Florence Italy.

Tommaso Salvini was one of the world's greatest tragedians. It was he who introduced and established Shakespeare's plays in Italian drama.

American theatergoers of the last generation remember his vivid portrayal of "Othello." In this character he was unsurpassed. He lived the part of the jealous Moor, holding audiences spellbound in the splendid tragic climax.

The great Edwin Booth played "Iago" during one of Salvini's American tours. It is said he was actually afraid of the raving tragedian. He always cautioned those who were to restrain "Othello" in his mad rush at "Iago."

"Hold him, fast!" anxiously urged Booth. "He'll kill me, I know it."

Salvini toured the United States several times.

"If I were not an Italian," said the celebrated artist in recalling his American triumphs, "I should wish to be an American. There I was welcomed like a child of Washington. I remember when I was playing in Washington I went to visit the capitol. Someone said in French: 'Mr. Salvini, would you like to see the congress room?' As soon as I entered, the meeting stopped and all rose to their feet. I was so surprised and moved that for a few minutes I could not utter a word."

THE DARING OF NATIONS.

The fame of the Italian tragedian was world-wide. One of his last tours of Europe he played in St. Petersburg. After the play, the public waited outside the theater for him until 2 o'clock in the morning with the temperature at 23 degrees below zero. The crowds then escorted him through the street like a conquering hero to the palace of Prince Vladimir, where he was a guest.

Salvini was married in early days. In Milan in 1850, he was acting as a child with his father. When he was 15, his father died and the young man continued to play small parts in the company of the celebrated Gustavo Modena.

"The school in which I was coached was a rigorous one," said the tragedian recently, "and I received my early days."

"With my father I did not receive any salary. After a year, and my father was dead, my salary was 200 a day. A one-cent piece of watermelon was my breakfast in those days."

Salvini deserted the stage temporarily at the age of 20, to fight for Italian independence in the revolution under Garibaldi. He served as a corporal at the siege of Rome. When the war was over he returned to his art, joining the famous Adelaide Ristori's company.

"She engaged me as a juvenile at a very good salary," said Salvini. "Then I began to advance rapidly."

YOUNG AND FAMOUS.

At the age of 27 he was celebrated throughout Europe. He made his first visit to the United States in 1872.

On the 80th anniversary of Salvini's birth the Italian people held a national jubilee. The government struck a medal presented to him a commemorative medal. The city of Rome honored him with its key. Advertisers in America who remembered his acting in association with Booth, Boucicault and Clara Morris sent him the mementos of their affection for the venerable artist.

Salvini retired from active stage life in 1903. His son, Gustavo, then was his only representative of his branch of the family on the stage. Another son, Alessandro, an actor of promise, had died several years before.

"I no longer enjoy acting," said the distinguished actor of two continents. "I worked very hard for years, making many sacrifices. Every human being, I think I may say, loves to be applauded. When one receives salutes of applause and young enthusiasts leap upon one, as they did at Naples, who could not be gratified? But the acting itself no longer gives me pleasure. I am weary."

The death of Salvini will be observed with appropriate ceremonies by actors in all parts of Europe and America.

President Appeals for Aid to Poland

The people of the United States have been asked in a proclamation made by President Wilson to set aside today as a day in which to aid the stricken Polish people through the collection of money and foodstuffs to be sent to the stricken nation.

In an urgent appeal flashed across the entire country, Americans have been urged to make contributions to the worthy cause. Such contributions should be transmitted to the American Red Cross Society at Washington, D. C. in a communication to the press the Polish Central relief committee of America has asked that the President's request be freely known, and that the people give freely to this fund during the holiday season. With the spirit of giving in the hearts of the people, and especially with the very life of the stricken nation at stake, it is felt that bountiful response will be made.

"The people of Poland, as well as citizens and residents of the United States, will appreciate greatly assistance given to those who are threatened with extermination through starvation, disease, lack of clothing and shelter," the appeal concludes.

Police Corporal Shot During Celebration

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—At Stockton and Washington streets last night Philip residents of the district were celebrating the anniversary of the New Year by shooting revolvers. The police patrol started up Washington street to put a stop to it.

But somebody was celebrating in the same way in a rooming house in Washington street directly opposite the Hotel of Justice. A bullet struck the top of the patrol wagon, glanced off and went through the shoulder of Corporal Chester H. Olsenberg, sitting at the driver of the wagon.

Old Man Kills Himself as New Year Bells Ring

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The first tragedy of 1916 reached San Francisco at 12:15 P. M. Joseph Egan, a crook, waited for the New Year chimes, then locked himself in his room, 283 Clementina street, and fired a bullet into his brain.

He left a note saying that he was 69 years old and too old to work, and that his wife had lost all love for him.

REPEAT CHURCH CANTATA.

By special request of the congregation, "The Song of the Night," the Dudley Buck cantata, presented last week by the church, will be repeated tomorrow night by the choir of Calvary Congregational Church, Thirty-fifth and Grove streets. The full chorus will be heard under the direction of J. McEwing.

CHURCHES OBSERVE DAWN OF NEW YEAR

Catholic and Evangelical All Arrange Special Services.

In all the Catholic churches of the city special services were held today at the same hour as the usual Sunday masses, and tomorrow many of the Protestant churches will observe the New Year with appropriate sermons and repetitions of the Christmas hymns. Of tomorrow's, one of the most elaborate services will be at the Calvary Congregational.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bay Place and Montecito avenue, the New Year will be observed with a sermon by Rev. Alexander Allen on "Thoughts for the New Year," and by the singing of Christmas anthems by the choir under the direction of Edwin Dunbar Crandall.

Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed will address the congregation tomorrow at the First Congregational Church on "Our Mastery of the Year," and other clergymen will speak on subjects suggested by the day.

Special services will likewise be held at Plymouth Congregational, where Rev. Albert W. Palmer will comment on the day.

The Catholic celebration of New Year's began last night, when St. Mary's church held elaborate services at 8 o'clock. A sermon on "The Passing Year" was preached by Father E. J. Dempsey.

St. Mary's today six masses were held, with solemn high mass at 11 o'clock when the choir from the Oakland Conservatory of Music sang special anthems. St. Patrick's five masses were celebrated, concluding at 10:30 o'clock with solemn high mass.

Other Catholic churches observed the day in similar fashion, as New Year's is a holiday requiring observance by the Catholic dispensation.

ART PALACE OF FAIR IS REOPENED

Thousands Visit Building to Voice Plea for Preservation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—With the dawn of 1916, San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts opened today on the Exposition grounds with appropriate ceremony, after having remain closed since the end of the fair. Thousands joined in the pilgrimage to the palace in the Presidio, voicing their plea that the wonderful bit of architecture be preserved for future generations. General invitations have been sent out by C. C. Moore and the directors of the Exposition to the public.

The official Exposition band played during the exercises of reopening, and President C. C. Moore made the introductory remarks. Frank Turner, president of the Exposition Preservation League, followed with a plea to save the building, and Bernard C. Maybuck, architect of the building, was also heard.

John L. Walter, president of the San Francisco Art Association; John E. Thack; director of fine arts at the Exposition; Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and Governor Hiram W. Johnson were on the list of special guests.

Special street cars ran to the fair for the exercises, and the crowds were handled without inconvenience.

Bomb Explodes Into Crowd; Six Injured

SAN JOSE, Jan. 1.—Six persons were injured, four seriously, when a bomb shot from an automobile truck in a street parade during San Jose's New Year's celebration last night prematurely exploded.

The injured are: MARTIN COSH, 16 years old; lives in Gilroy; face bruised; may lose eyelight. CECIL AYER, 10 years, son of W. A. Ayer, 717 Delmas street; right eye destroyed.

MARY JOAQUIN, 17; lives in Madrone; deep gash across face.

HERVEY SIMONS, 8 years old, son of E. E. Simons, 407 North Twelfth street, took ribs broken, injured internally.

MISS MAUDE DIENNETT, 20 years old; right ear torn and deep gash on cheek.

The bomb exploded in the midst of a crowd of nearly a thousand persons who thronged Fifth and Santa streets.

The bomb failed to shoot into the air and burst into the crowd.

Boy Recovering From Ordeal in Foothills

The condition of Clarence Williams, the 11-year-old son of William Williams, a contracting painter, who was lost in the hills back of Berkeley Thursday night, was today reported improved. The boy is still confined to his bed and under the care of physicians.

Young Williams wandered away from his home at 6221 Dover street at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, taking with him an air rifle which had been given him as a Christmas gift. He had been to the hills to hunt wild cats. He lost his way when overtaken by darkness Thursday night, and after wandering about the hills until the early hours of the morning, he was overcome by the cold and fell unconscious at the entrance to the ranch of Jose Madera, who later found him and returned him to his home.

The boy's father spent the night searching for him in the hills back of San Leandro.

COLD KILLS PIONEERS.

REDDING, Jan. 1.—The cold wave of the last two days has caused the death by pneumonia of three octogenarians in the Shasta County Hospital. H. O. Shoak, aged 86; Robert E. Johnson, aged 82; Edwin T. Garford, aged 88. All were pioneers.

Motion Picture Theaters

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Change of Program Sundays and Wednesdays

TODAY—TUESDAY—TODAY

HENRY KOLKER in

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One of the Strongest Dramatic Productions of the Season

TOMORROW—TRIANGLE PLAYS

Oakland Theatre

Nations, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00

Today—Last Time

MACLYN ARBUCKLE in "THE REFORM CANDIDATE" and "A BUTTERFLY ON THE WHEEL"

Tomorrow—VALESKA SURATT in "The Immigrant."

Frisko Road Pays Loan From Earnings

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—The receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco (Frisko) Railroad were authorized by Federal Judge Sanborn here yesterday to pay a loan of \$7,000,000 made two years ago to finance the operation of the road after it had been put in the hands of receivers.

In the petition for advice filed with the court the receivers said the funds necessary to pay the loan had been made through operation of the road and that the receivers were prepared to take up the loan without hindering the finances of the company. The loan is represented by receivers certificates, series 8.

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The Food Drink Without a Fault

Made of high-grade cocoa beans, skilfully blended and manufactured by a perfect mechanical process, without the use of chemicals; it is absolutely pure and wholesome, and its flavor is delicious, the natural flavor of the cocoa bean.

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In 1915 almost one-half of all the two-story houses erected in Oakland were in our properties. In 1916 we hope to be still more definitely headquarters for all who seek choice money-making investments, homes and homesites, in Fourth Avenue, the Beautiful Head-of-the-Lake District, and Piedmont.

We have unquestionably the best lots and the widest selection of new homes at rock-bottom prices.

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HAUL PEREIRA, Late Portuguese Court Musician, and His Orchestra.

LOTTIE MAYER, The Perfect Woman, and Her Water Sprites.

FRIENDS AND DOWNING, The Musical Comedians.

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VICTOR MODLEY & CO. in "A REGULAR ARMY MAN," BERT LA MONT and HIS COWBOYS in a Road-Show of "MIRB and Melody," BEN RYAN and HARRIET LEE in a Comedy Skit, "You're Shooked 10," STANLEY TAN BARK COMEDIAN, FLORENCE MILLER, BERT LEO and MAE JACKSON, NEW ORPHEUM MOTION PICTURES: FATIMA, One of the Dappled Sultans of Turkey's Principal Dances Old.

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ANNA HELD

The Incomparable, Headline the

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Although Christmas Time Is Over for Another Year

Don't Forget to Shop in the Forenoons

It's Better for Everybody and Stocks Are Complete and Sales People Are Vigorous

Tijuana Race Track Is Opened || Pasadena Stages Pigskin Clash

SEALS LOOM UP AS CONTENDERS FOR 1916 FLAG

Berry Angling for Shortstop to Fill Vacancy Left by Corhan.

"Gee, it's a good shortstop, one who can't fit the left hand to the right, but the right hand to the left, and you will see San Francisco represented by a better club than was seen last year."

That's the way Henry Berry, president of the Seals, voted his club to repeat last year's stunt, but he admits that he will put a mighty fast club in the field, according to him—and he ought to know. You cannot pick a winner. He claims that his club may be better than last year's, but he believes that the break of the game should be counted when one starts selecting players. When one starts selecting players, the Seals lost only two players through draft or sale to the majors this year. One Roy Corhan, considered by many the best shortstop in minor league baseball, was the man whom the whole Seal defense was built around and whose loss will be keenly felt. Corhan was purchased by the St. Louis Cardinals and that team's troubles around short figure to be lessened with Corhan in the lineup. Walter Schmidt, whose work last year was of major league caliber has been sold outright to the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Seals will carry only two backstops this year instead of three. Morris Block is slated for the starting job. The latter was coming around at a fast clip toward the close of the season and may even start Block and grab the first string job himself. Chas. Baum, Bill Steen, Johnny Conch, Cavel and Curly Brown will form the nucleus of the pitching staff. "Hook" Smith, the veteran, Cuban mountaineer, who was the league's best pitcher in the league last season, was released by Wolverton shortly after the season closed, so the club is now after a good right-hand pitcher.

TWO STURDY BURDEN-BEARERS. Baum and Steen should be able to shoulder most of the work this coming season. Both should be good for two years, a week, while Brown and Cavel should be good for one each. Cavel and Conch are the newcomers to share the burden.

Steen is a demon for work and besides is very effective. Baum was one of the league's best pitchers last season and his hurling was partly responsible for the Seals' success.

Brown and Cavel, both ex-major leaguers, are scoundrels. Brown was a great pitcher in the league last season and while Cavel was very effective, his work was wild at times but overcame that fault, toward the close of the season, by being able to pitch high class ball for Wolverton next season.

SWEET ON COUCH. Couch is the only member of the staff who has not seen any action. He has been in the company since last season and is a great deal of good to the club. He is a great deal of good to the club. He is a great deal of good to the club.

MATHEWSON AND WALSH TO TAKE SPENCER CURE

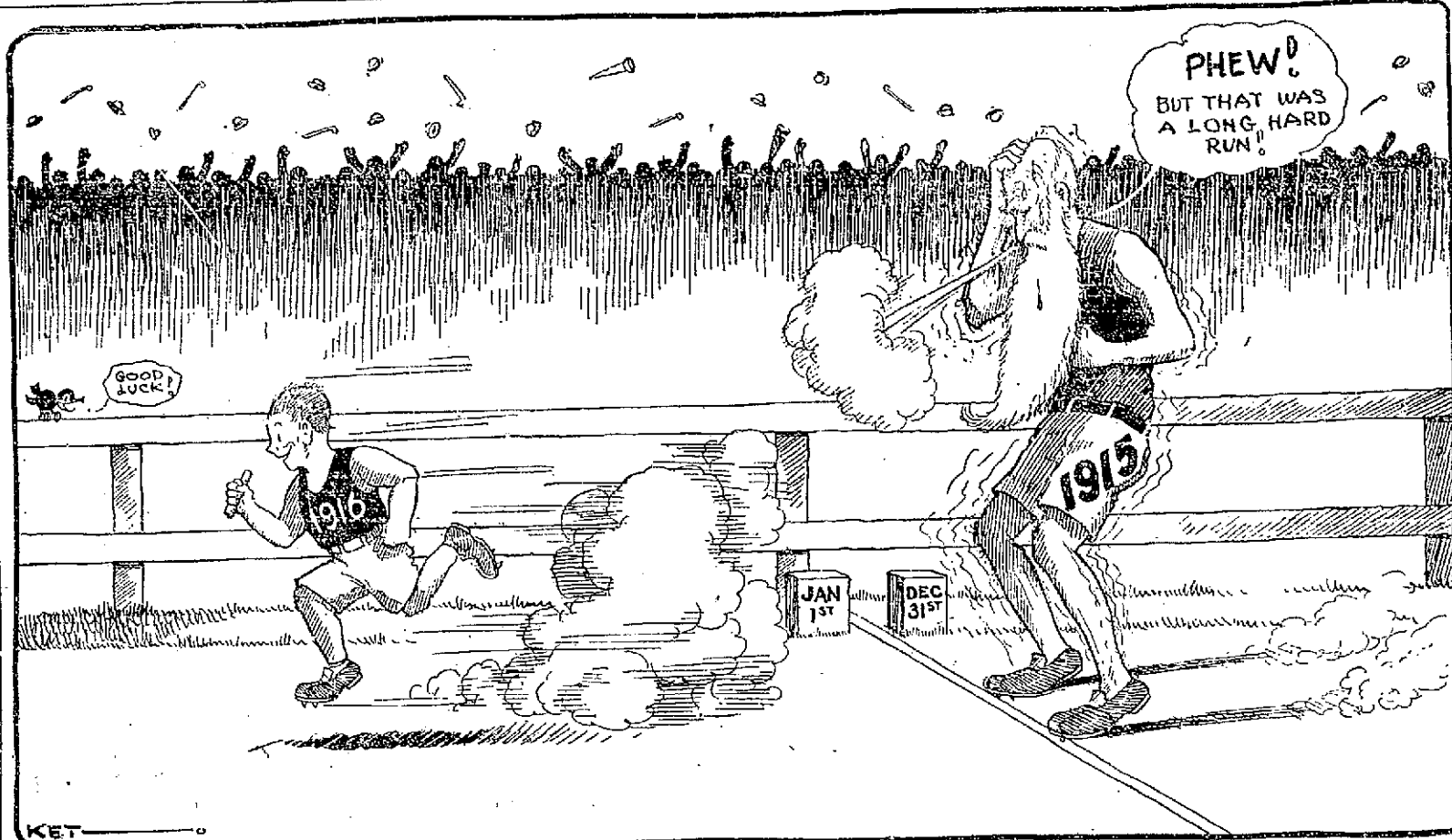
Pacific Coast's "Kink" Doctor Off for Eastern Campaign.

Dr. Charles Spencer, the "Bonesetter" Rease of the Pacific coast, will leave one week from today for the east, where he is to treat the arms of two of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known—Christy Mathewson and Ed Walsh.

Spencer was responsible for Ed Walsh's comeback, and has had wonderful success on the arm of the Boston Red Sox pitcher. He is to treat the arm of the Boston Red Sox pitcher. He is to treat the arm of the Boston Red Sox pitcher.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

Kid '1916' Starts a New Lap in Life's Relay Race - - By Ket.



Eddie Shannon Heads Wheelmen's Next Card Crack Los Angeles Lightweights Matched With Luscher

A heavy melange of featherweights, lightweights and middleweights will be the new year offering of the Wheelmen's Club next Wednesday evening. Eddie Shannon, head of the club, makes his first appearance in Oakland as a four-round bout with Frankie Luscher, who has been a local favorite on many occasions. Shannon has not been defeated in twenty-five bouts.

THE SPORTING MIRROR Pertinent Comment and Gossip

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The staging of purse events for young horses, instead of so many early closing futurities and stakes as is the present custom, is the suggestion made by C. A. Harrison of Seattle, for the improvement of the light harness game on the Pacific coast.

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TRIBUNE LEAGUE CHATTER

Maxwell Hardware team will play the Los Angeles team today on the Fruitvale grounds. This is the only ball game scheduled for the day, and the fans will see a real battle of baseball from these two clubs. The game will be called at 2:30 p. m. and Bill Crosby will handle the umpiring.

BOXING FOR ALL BUT CALIFORNIA

Boxing will hold full sway throughout the United States today. No less than forty bouts, in many cities, are occupying the attention of fans. California, however, remains out of the pugilistic line.

Eddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, will entertain the populace of Atlanta, Georgia, today when he meets Frankie Whitney in a ten-round bout, while Johnny Kilbane, world's featherweight champion, is scheduled to engage in a ten-round bout with Richie Mitchell at Cincinnati.

BROWN'S VARSITY LINES UP WITH WASHINGTON

Easterners Outweigh Their Opponents and Will Use Straight Football.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—Eleven of the Brown varsity and the Washington team were declared to be in a serious condition for the football game which was to be played here this afternoon as one of the principal events of the New Year Tournament of Roses festival.

WILLARD-FULTON GO IS CALLED OFF

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The ten-round contest between Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., which Thomas S. Andrews of Milwaukee planned to stage on February 22, has been declared off.

PHILLIPS ANNOUNCE TRADE. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—The Philadelphia National League baseball club announced yesterday that it had traded shortstop Jack Pomeroy to the Pittsburgh Pirates for outfielder Fred Clarke.

MORAN SIGNS UP. PITTSBURGH, Mass.—Manager P. J. Moran of the Philadelphia National League club announced yesterday that he had signed outfielder Fred Clarke to a contract for the 1916 season.

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Sporting Comment Gives Pacific Coast Summary C.A. Harrison Offers Plan to Shorten Closing Times for Stakes

The staging of purse events for young horses, instead of so many early closing futurities and stakes as is the present custom, is the suggestion made by C. A. Harrison of Seattle, for the improvement of the light harness game on the Pacific coast. In this connection Harrison has been quoted as follows:

"More opportunity in this way would be offered as an inducement to get young horses to the races. Under the present system of early closing events too much hardship is worked on the small owner. One has to enter two or three years in advance of the race and the payments have to be met. Sometimes you pay up on a horse until the last closing date and then something goes wrong and you are out all the money paid in. Many owners simply do not enter the futurities and stakes so far in advance and, as a result, there are few young horses in the competition."

The plan is looked on with skepticism by horsemen who believe there would be considerable risk involved in breaking down a promising colt or filly with the early training. There are some who are of the opinion that Harrison's plan might work out, but the campaigning of yearlings even for the one mile distance does not meet with general approval. This, together with several other innovations is expected to be brought up for discussion at the meeting of the Pacific Fair Association which will be held in the near future.

The influx of Grand Circuit horses, drivers and owners during the two big trotting meets held under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific Exposition is expected to result in a decided revival of interest in the trotting and pacing game on the Pacific coast, and an unusually active season is expected in 1916.

Also it is said that the race meets in the following ten California towns: Salinas, Santa Rosa, Woodland, Sacramento, Pleasanton, Fresno, Hanford, Bakersfield, Ventura and Riverside. Additional towns may be added to this list according to reports. In past years only a half dozen meets at most were included in the season's itinerary.

PORTLAND TEAM TO START SPRING TRAINING MARCH 4

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TWO MEN TO BE "FARMED OUT" WITH SPOKANE NORTHWEST TEAM. PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Notice has been sent to the players of the Portland club to meet at the Northwest circuit, Portland, for spring practice. Two men will not be asked to report to the Capital city. They are Catcher Bartholomew and McGinnis of Santa Clara college. Both are to be "farmed out" in the Northwest league.

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CARRANZA NOT TO INTERFERE WITH COFFER WITH

Race Track Promoters Filled No Bar to Carrying Out Their Plans.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 1.—With nearly 200 fast runners ready for the winter "go" and the track in splendid condition, everything points to a gala opening of the 100-day racing season at the Juma track this afternoon. Six events are on the program for inaugural day. All day yesterday streams of touring men poured into the city and it is predicted that over the thousands of lovers of horses in this city, a big crowd will be in attendance. Special train service has been arranged between San Diego and the Mexican town.

Whatever apprehension was felt over the attitude of the Carranza government toward the Lower California Jockey Club was dispelled yesterday with the official announcement that the plans of the promoters would not be interfered with in any manner. General Esteban Cantu, military governor of Lower California, and his staff of officers will lend color to the occasion by their presence. A notable feature of the day will be the big parties of society people who are passing the winter at Coronado.

EDDIE MAHAN IS NOW DISCIPLE OF 'OLD MAN GOLF'

Eddie Mahan, the Harvard football captain, has taken to the golf for the winter. He is just like all the other top-caliber athletes in double crossing the sport in which he shines the most and tackling golf. Mahan does not yet play a superb game with his set of clubs, but he is coming along and is a tender pursing process arranged by his golfing friends at Harvard is looking to show results.

Mahan declares it much easier for him to find a hole in the line of a football team than to find the hole in the putting green. "This is one of the things that I like here and the end of every eighteen holes makes those forty-one points that Harvard scored against me. I could make eighteen holes in 200 without deviating from his present normal form. His old days at Harvard as might be expected from Mahan, for most of his points in the season just passed went as far as the majority of his golf drives. There are certain advantages that Mahan has over most golfing outfits. His football training developed an athlete who is a natural golfer. He is a natural golfer. He is a natural golfer.

BASEBALL

Oakland Tribune Mid-Winter League

Fastest "Bush" Circuit the bay region has ever seen.

TODAY
2:30 P. M.
Fruitvale Park Grounds

MAXWELL CLUB
versus
J. J. KREIGS

SUNDAY, JAN. 2
2:30 P. M.
Fruitvale Park Grounds

AMBROSE CLUB
versus
LAWLOR'S STARS

S. P. CLUB
versus
BROADWAY CLUB

Melrose Grounds
2:30 P. M.

The Oakland Billiard Parlor

WISHES ITS MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS, CHAS. "COWBOY" WESTON
MONDAY, JAN. 3rd, 8 P. M.
ENTERTAINMENT FOR ATHLETIC CLUB MEMBERS.
THREE-CUSHION, CLASS A, TOURNAMENT CONTESTS.
1109 Broadway

Breuners Annual Pre-Invention Sale
Commences Monday Morning
20% to 50% Reductions
Furniture, Floor Coverings, etc.

'Y' CLOSES WEEK AS HOLIDAY HOST

Association Will Receive This
Evening; Games to
Feature.

Closing the week's holiday program, the Y. M. C. A. held open house today, and tonight again will play the host at a New Year's reception and athletic program. Swimming matches and aquatic sports, vaudeville features, motion pictures, a dinner, billiards and bowling contests and other pastimes are scheduled for the affair, which will be one of the most interesting of the entire week.

The celebration of the Y. M. C. A. is not only in honor of the holiday season, but also in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the association's splendid home on Jones street and Telegraph avenue, and many old

members have returned from other cities to assist in the celebration.

The afternoon program opened with a reception in the lobby, and a basketball game. A boy's swimming meet, a bowling tournament and a pocket billiard tournament were among the other features.

The evening program will be as follows:

Music..... Lobby
Basketball..... Gymnasium
Oakland Y. M. C. A. vs. U. C. Merrimakers..... Lobby
Vaudeville stunts..... Lobby
Demonstration games in bowling and pocket billiards..... Men's game room
Aquatic stunts..... Natatorium
Motion pictures..... Lobby
Department Exhibits..... Lobby

Two Miners Buried in Cave-in; One Saved

BOZEMAN, Mont., Jan. 1.—Caught in a cave-in in a copper mine nine miles north of Three Forks, Frank Dunbar and J. P. Brown were entombed yesterday while timbering 275 feet below the surface and forty feet from the shaft.

Dunbar, suffering from a broken leg and severe cuts about the head and body, was rescued late last night. The indications are that Brown was killed and that his body will be found crushed under a huge mass of fallen timbers.



GRAND PRIZE

In awarding the grand prize to Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate the Panama-Pacific International Exposition confirmed a popular verdict. Ever since its introduction in the early seventies this appealing, health-sustaining beverage.

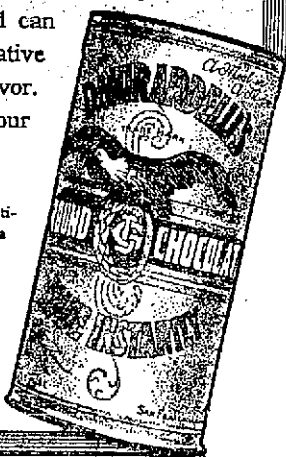
Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate

has stood supreme in the homes of the West.

It is most convenient in form and economical in use. It comes to you in an hermetically sealed can that safeguards its native purity and delicious flavor. Order a can from your grocer today.

in 1/2-lb., 1-lb. and 3-lb. hermetically sealed cans. There's a double economy in buying the 3-lb. can.

D. GHIRARDELLI CO.
San Francisco
Since 1852



ANNA HELD SENDS PART OF SALARY TO WAR ZONE



ANNA HELD, WHO WILL HEAD BILL AT OAKLAND ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK.

Patrons of the Orpheum next week will contribute indirectly to some of the few pleasures that are brought into the lives of the soldiers of the French army, for the money they pay to see and hear Anna Held, the celebrated French comedienne, is to be sent by the dainty Parisienne to Paris to be used in buying food and necessities for the French troops.

Anna Held already has contributed in the neighborhood of \$25,000 toward the relief of her countrymen and is sending the larger part of the huge sum she receives for her Orpheum appearances to Paris for them as she receives it weekly. Miss Held began her Orpheum engagement in San Francisco week before last and nearly all of her first week's salary pleasures that are brought into the lives of the soldiers of the French army, for the money they pay to see and hear Anna Held, the celebrated French comedienne, is to be sent by the dainty Parisienne to Paris to be used in buying food and necessities for the French troops.

Make Raft of Bits of Ship; Are Rescued

SEWARD, Alaska, Jan. 1.—After having been cast ashore on Kalgin Island, in Cook Inlet when their 145-ton barge, Susitna, was wrecked early in December, Captain R. Curry and his crew of three men built a skiff from the wreckage and rowed 25 miles through the ice floes to Kenai, according to word received by the Alaska engineering commission.

News of the loss of the Susitna and the escape of Captain Curry and his men from the bleak island upon which they were marooned was received from Captain Cramer of the launch Traveler, who left Anchorage several weeks ago to investigate ice conditions at Goose Bay. The Traveler reached Seldovia Christmas day after an adventurous trip through the Cook Inlet ice field. After the Traveler left Anchorage she became frozen in the ice field between Fire Island and the mainland and was carried from Knik Arm into Turn Again Arm. Here Captain Curry succeeded in releasing his boat after being held prisoner five days and forced his way through the ice floes to Goose Bay and then to Seldovia.

Dan Cupid Scores a Double Conquest

HAYWARD, Jan. 1.—A double conquest in one family was scored by Dan Cupid this week when the engagements of two charming sisters, Miss Marguerite Amussen and Miss Mamie Schulz, were announced. Miss Marguerite will wed Dr. Edward E. Dowdle, prominent physician of this city and formerly in charge of the Oakland emergency hospital. She will retain her position in a local bank until the approach of the wedding day, which will be soon.

Since giving up his position in Oakland a year ago, Dr. Dowdle has carried on a practice here. He distinguished himself as an all-around athlete during his university days.

Mrs. Mamie Schulz will marry F. H. Noble, local Western Pacific agent. They are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

The engaged sisters are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Amussen.

Kills Woman and Sons, Then Himself

RAY, N. D., Jan. 1.—Using an iron bar as a weapon, Bruce Parkinson, alias Guy Hall, said to be an escaped prisoner from the Washington State Reformatory, killed Mrs. A. M. Hart, aged 34, and her two sons, 9 and 13 years old, at the Hart home near here and killed himself after disclosing his crime to two of Mrs. Hart's daughters.

ENDS LIFE WITH GUN.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Evan B. Kemp, who attacked, shot and attempted to drown Mrs. Mabel Myers, aged 19, near here Tuesday, was found dead in a suburb today with a bullet in his brain and a revolver in his hand. In a letter addressed to Mrs. Myers, Kemp made full confession. His victim is hovering at the verge of death.

AIRMAN STAYS STILL IN GALE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—In the face of a seventy mile gale, Richard C. Saufley, navy aviator, maintained a position of 7000 feet in the air directly over the cruiser North Carolina for ten minutes.

JEWISH REFUGEES SEEK HOMES HERE

Immigrant Society to Care for
Victims of War in
Russia.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Jacob R. Fain, representing the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America, arrived here from New York today to assist in caring for Jewish refugees from the Russian war zone. Every steamer from Japan brings a considerable number of these people, who have fled across Siberia. Their passages have been paid to Seattle and their report that great numbers of their people expect to come to America.

The Immigrant Aid Society will urge the refugees to remain on the Pacific coast and not flock to the cities of the East. It will be pointed out to them that agricultural, commercial and industrial conditions in the West are better than in the East. It is proposed to establish a branch of the Immigrant society in Seattle. The United States department of labor is co-operating with the society in its efforts to establish the Jewish immigrants in the West. Many of the new comers are skillful farmers.

Suffering European Jews Sent \$525,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have transmitted by cable to European capitals \$525,000 for the aid of suffering Jews in the warring countries. The \$525,000 represents what has been received in cash of the more than \$800,000 pledged and given at the meeting on Tuesday night in Carnegie Hall.

The joint distribution committee of the American Jewish relief committee made the following appropriations:

To Petrograd—\$210,000; to be used for the relief of Jews in Russia and particularly in Russian Poland.
To Berlin—\$125,000; to be used for relief work in that part of Poland now under German control.
To Vienna—\$110,000; to be used in Galicia.
To Jerusalem—\$55,000; to be used in Palestine.

To Athens—\$20,000; to be used in the vicinity of Saloniki.
The relief committee has branches and auxiliaries in all these countries, except at Saloniki, and the 100,000 francs for relief there will be sent to the grand rabbi of the province.

The total receipts were more than \$900,000 and as soon as the committee gets the first \$1,000,000 in hand a second appropriation will be made.

Cardinal's Prayer for 1916 One of Peace

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—"Peace on earth, good will to men, that is what I pray for as New Year dawns," said Cardinal Gibbons today, when asked for a message for the American people.

"I wish every one a happy and prosperous new year, and with it goes my blessing," he said. "As the new year dawns and we still see Europe in the throes of a great conflict, we should unite our prayers for peace, that this year will see the end of the great conflict and that peace on earth and good will to men will be restored."

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

of the condition of the

Central National Bank OF OAKLAND, CAL.

at the close of business, December 31, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 7,612,290.72
U. S. and other Bonds	\$2,402,830.79
Cash and Due from other Banks	1,988,889.20 4,391,719.99
5% Redemption Fund	50,000.00
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	22,401.74
	\$12,076,418.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	748,126.70
Circulation	1,000,000.00
Deposits	9,306,515.46
Letters of Credit	21,776.29
	\$12,076,418.45

COMBINED ASSETS DEC. 31, 1915.....\$24,982,241.74
COMBINED ASSETS DEC. 31, 1908.....8,721,831.22

GAIN IN SEVEN YEARS.....\$16,260,410.52

OFFICERS OF THE

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND

J. F. CARLSTON, President
Central National Bank of Oakland, and
Central Savings Bank
H. N. MORRIS, Vice-President
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R. M. FITZGERALD, Vice-President
Central National Bank of Oakland, and
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H. A. MOSHER, Vice-President
Central National Bank of Oakland
A. J. MOUNT, Cashier

Central National Bank of Oakland

14th and Broadway

Branch: 49th and Telegraph Avenue

of the condition of the

Central Savings Bank OF OAKLAND, CAL.

at the close of business, December 31, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans on Real Estate	\$ 8,765,508.39
Loans on Collateral	342,119.41
U. S. and other Bonds	\$1,166,004.52
Cash and due from Banks	1,916,447.40 3,082,452.01
Lot and Building and Safe Deposit Vaults at the Northeast corner of 14th and Broadway, Oakland	493,002.77
Bank Premises of Telegraph Avenue Branch at 49th and Telegraph Avenue, Oakland	15,000.00 508,002.77
Other Real Estate Owned	207,740.71
	\$12,905,823.29

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid Up	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus Fund	260,000.00
Undivided Profits	33,603.30
Deposits	12,112,219.99
	\$12,905,823.29

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J. E. SATTI, Assistant Cashier
M. R. BRONNER, Assistant Cashier

Central Savings Bank of Oakland

14th and Broadway

To Our Many Friends:

Prosperity for 1916

Best Wishes for 1916

In fact, we hope all good things will come to you with the coming of the New Year

EASTERN OUTFITTING CO.
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